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Labour pledges fight against shares flotation next summer

Walker rushes £5bn gas sell-off

By James Naughtie and James Erlichman

The Government yesterday announced the privatisation of British Gas in the confident belief that it will be able to force it through Parliament in time for a Stock Market flotation as early as next summer.

The Opposition pledged a long hard fight through every stage of the legislation and City interests said that the Government "would really have to motor" to sell off British Gas in little over a year.

Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, hailed the decision to bring forward a privatisation bill to the next parliamentary session as a move towards "real ownership" by the public and employees.

He refused to put a figure on the sale—although the Treasury hopes it will raise more than £5 billion and City sources put it as high as £8 billion — but portrayed it as the Government's most telling privatisation measure, a popular move surpassing British Telecom.

He insisted to MPs in the Commons that the Government would ensure proper safety standards and would keep a "golden share" in the enterprise.

But Labour, declared outright opposition, with Mr Stan Orme, the energy spokesman, claiming that there was no evidence to suggest that consumers would be better off under a private monopoly and that Mr Walker was wrong to boast that the proposals would widen share ownership. He said that less than 5 per cent of British Telecom shares were now in the hands of employees.

Mr Walker, in ebullient mood, said the announcement marked the start of "a new and long period of successful development" in the industry.

However, ministers closely involved are aware that the bill will be intensely complicated because of the difficulties of establishing an efficient regulatory framework for the industry. It is expected that the measure will face a long and difficult parliamentary progress, not least in the Lords. A bill is likely to be introduced in the Commons before Christmas.

Mr Walker told MPs that privatisation would put new emphasis on efficiency and generous provision would be made to enable all employees to acquire shares.

The claims about future efficiency caused anger on the Opposition benches, where MPs argued that British Gas had served its customers well.

At the moment British Gas contributes about £350 million to the Government directly, and a similar amount in tax revenues. Last year it had a turnover of £6.5 billion. It employs about 112,000 workers and serves about 16 million customers.

When Mr Orme told Mr Walker that there was no case for the creation of a "monster private monopoly serving limited interests" Mr Walker replied that a monopoly had existed in gas supply since 1847.

He went on: "To have an organisation that will be judged on its commercial success and judged on its efficiency is far better than having the constant bureaucratic control that every nationalised industry suffers from."

The Cabinet, which has apparently patched up its quarrel over how best to dispose of British Gas, now believes that the stock market flotation could begin as early as the summer of next year. The whole sale is likely to go through in two stages along lines similar to the successful disposal of British Telecom.

The City would certainly prefer to swallow British Gas in two bites, although ministers are still considering a single sale that would allow investors to buy the shares partly paid with a second and maybe even a third instalment to follow.

Ministers were at pains yesterday to deny reports that the pace of the sale had been quickened by the Department of Energy's desire to pre-empt a plan by the Treasury to hive off British Gas piecemeal to create several competing companies.

British Gas's chairman, Sir Denis Rooke, is now expected to stay on to see the corporation into the private sector.

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MOTHER'S TOUCH: The Prime Minister has a special friend in Ben White, aged five, from Croydon, Surrey, at a tea party held at the Commons yesterday for 100 handicapped children in aid of the All for Children Appeal. Felicity Kendal, Jane Asher, and Jimmy Hill were among the celebrities giving a hand. Picture by Frank Martin

Radical rates reform ruled out for 1986

By James Naughtie and Colin Brown

The Government has abandoned hope of producing a bill to reform the rating system in the next parliamentary session, despite the growing Tory demands for early action.

Action to relieve the burden on commercial ratepayers is likely within the next year and will be signalled when Mr George Younger, the Scottish Secretary, faces his rebellious party at its conference in Perth, starting today.

Ministers have concluded that there is no room in next year's timetable for a comprehensive rates reform bill.

The search for an acceptable formula to present to the party will be intensified this month when the Prime Minister chairs another meeting of ministers, probably at Chequers, in an effort to whittle down the options.

It is likely that they will again settle on a fudge: keeping elements of the present system with the addition of a poll tax, to be called a resident's tax.

Mr Younger is still engaged in arguments with the Treasury over his announcement to the Scottish Tories.

He wants to offer more than the £38.6 million relief he announced last month for ratepayers affected by revaluation of property that has steeply increased rate demands, but there is strong resistance in Whitehall to an extra relief fund.

An indication of the seriousness with which the Scottish Whitehall and large sections of the Conservative party will be dealt with by the production of a formula which incorporates some of the existing system with a new flat-rate tax, attended by all the necessary exemptions which will be necessary.



Georgie Younger — facing rebellious Tories

Tory leaders are treating the conference, and its likely ructions, is the fact that not only Lord Whitelaw but also Lord Home, the former prime minister, tried to persuade Mrs Thatcher that more money is needed to buy off the rebellion.

Mr Younger is due to reply to a debate on rates tomorrow and while he will promise action to alleviate the burden on commercial ratepayers his announcement, on reform of the system is unlikely to go much further than promises already given about a bill before the next general election.

It appears likely that the strong objections to an outright poll tax in parts of Whitehall and large sections of the Conservative party will be dealt with by the production of a formula which incorporates some of the existing system with a new flat-rate tax, attended by all the necessary exemptions which will be necessary.

What is clear that when Mrs Thatcher winds up the Scottish conference on Friday, she will not be able to unveil a blueprint of a new system but only to give reassurance to her followers that this time the search for an alternative is serious.

If Mr Younger is able to win some ground from the Treasury it may be that they may have been mollified by a promise of new aid for at least some ratepayers.

Ministers closely concerned with the issue do not rule out a long-term move to local income tax. Whitehall estimates that such a proposal could not be introduced in less than eight years. Several senior ministers feel it to be the fairest solution and they could argue for interim relief measures and a postponement of a poll tax in the hope of securing the long-term objective.

Their problem is that the Government cannot go into the next general election campaign with a promise of rates reform similar to that given in 1983 and 1979.

A majority of the Cabinet now believes that legislation will have to be on the statute book ready for implementation, if not already in operation, before the next election.

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Teachers criticised for cliff accident

By David Hearst

RESCUERS and coastguards searching for four children swept off the rocks at Land's End on Monday yesterday criticised teachers who allowed members of a school party clamber 250ft down a cliff face on to a dangerous ledge.

As Mr Jim Ireland, chairman of the governors of Stoke Poges Middle School at Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, announced an inquiry, Mr Jim Summerlee, secretary of Sennen Cove lifeboat, which was called out, said: "I am highly critical of whoever allowed a party of young children in such a dangerous environment with such inadequate supervision. Children of that age should not have been allowed down."

A spokesman for Falmouth Coastguard said: "Incredibly, some people do not seem to realise the dangers," and the chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, Mr Donald Elliott, warned organisers of school trips and youth groups about the Cornish coast line's dangers.

Coastguards searched in vain yesterday for the bodies of the four boys—Ricci Lamden, aged 11, of The Dutch House, Stoke Court Drive, Nicholas Hurst, aged 10, of Freeman's Close, James Holloway, aged 11, of Elizabeth Way, and Robert Ankers, aged 12, of Elderfield Road. All were from Stoke Poges.

Cliff rescue teams combed the rocks and coves for six hours before calling off their search and giving up hope of finding the boys alive.

One survivor, Heather Price, aged 12, was discharged from hospital to go home with her mother. Before leaving, she said she had been on a ledge above the four boys, looking at the

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Bank lending and money supply figures finish off hopes of interest rates cut

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

Lingering hopes of further base rate cuts in the coming weeks were wiped out yesterday by money supply figures far beyond the Government's targets.

Bank lending rose by the biggest amount ever in a single month, while sterling M3, the key measure of money supply, rose between 2.75 and 3 per cent, the second largest monthly rise.

The only month with a higher sterling M3 increase was July 1980, when Mrs Thatcher was appalled to find that in the wake of her 1979 election promises about monetary strictness the money supply was running out of control, after removal of the so-called "corset" restrictions on bank lending.

The April monetary growth was about twice as high as the City expected. The Government has been cautious for several months about letting interest rates fall, mainly to protect sterling on the foreign exchanges. However, the sharp rise in bank lending in April also bears out the Government's claim that it has holding interest rates in check not just because of sterling but also because of concern about the rate of monetary growth.

Underlining the interest rate gloom, NatWest announced that it would increase its mortgage rate by 0.625 per cent next month to 13.5 per cent for repayment mortgages and 14 per cent for endowment mortgages. It was seen as an adjustment to bring NatWest into line with other lenders, rather than a prelude to a complete round of mortgage rises.

The pound at one point fell to $1.1775 after heavy seling in the Chicago financial markets on Monday when London markets were closed. Reports of cuts in Russian crude oil prices and fears about North Sea prices caused the fall, but the pound recovered more than 3 cents to finish one cent higher than on Friday at $1.2180. The prospect of continuing high sterling interest rates boosted sterling, as the dollar went into retreat.

The pound's average value on the Bank of England index fell 0.4 to 77.2 per cent of its 1975 value. But the bad money supply figures had less effect than expected in the City's money markets, where interest rates hardly changed. They are in line with the higher of the two base rates set by the clearing banks of 12.5 and 12.75 per cent.

The bank lending growth which so surprised the City was £2.6 billion in April, of which about £1 billion is estimated to have been a distortion due to the bringing forward of deals to take advantage of higher capital allowances in the financial year to April. Even after allowing for this, the bank lending growth was on the high side, according to City analysts.

Sterling M3 grew at 12 per cent in the 1984-5 target period, well above the Government's target range, and in the latest three months the growth rate is 19 per cent.

The Bank of England is concerned that high interest rates are no longer having their usual effect of suppressing borrowing but has been unable to discover why.

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THE Government received mixed news yesterday from the April figures in the battle against inflation, writes Michael Smith.

Department of Trade and Industry figures show that raw material and fuel prices fell by 3½ per cent, clipping the rate of annual increase from 9½ to 6 per cent — the best since April 1983. The pound's sharp rise in April was the factor, helping to keep the cost of imported raw materials lower.

But industry's factory gate prices climbed by 1.1 per cent last month, largely reflecting the budget increases in duties and taxes. However the annual rate of wholesale price increases remained unchanged at 5½ per cent.

VE-Day—the way it was



As Western Europe and the United States remember VE-Day 40 years on, the Guardian recalls the events of May 8, 1945, in a special four-page pull-out report. Pages 15-18.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sheffield sets rate

SHEFFIELD City council last night fixed a legal rate when the Liberal group voted with Labour moderates in favour of a legal maximum rate. Voting figures: 46 in favour; 38 against with one abstention.

Abolition defeat

THE Government was defeated by 14 votes last night as the Lords backed a move to set up highway authorities in London and the metropolitan counties after abolition of their councils. They voted 117 to 103 for an amendment to the Local Government Bill during committe stage.

Pits to close

THE Coal Board wants to close two north-east pits at the cost of 3,000 jobs. Back page.

'Legion' check

A check has been ordered on all hospital air conditioning water cooling towers — the suspected source of the Stafford Legionnaire's disease. Back page: The lurking disease, page 3.



"We were married on VE-Day and he's forgotten our anniversary."

Powell rebuff

THE PRIME Minister yesterady turned down Mr Enoch Powell's request for government time in the Commons to be allotted to his embryo research bill. Back Page.

Mengele million

A MILLION dollar reward for information leading to the arrest of Josef Mengele, the Nazi concentration camp doctor, was offered by Israel yesterday. Page 6.

RC greeting

A CATHOLIC bishop yesterday welcomed an ecumenical agreement as "the significant act in the history of the churches" in Britain. Page 3.

The weather

SOME sunny intervals. Details back page.

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Reagan urges Spain to remain in Nato

From Jane Walker in Madrid

President Reagan yesterday urged Spain to stay in Nato.

During his second day in the Spanish capital, he repeated the theme on at least three occasions.

Addressing bankers and businessmen, the President said: "Spain is an important partner in the free alliance of European democracies, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Nato needs Spain."

He repeated the point again at a private working lunch with the Prime Minister, Mr Felipe Gonzalez, and later, he added: "Spain is making an important contribution to Western security both through Nato and our bilateral agreement.

"We appreciate Spain's support for our efforts to negotiate the reduction of offensive nuclear armaments."

Mr Gonzalez spoke of "the clarity of our talks and the sincerity of our views," but he and Mr Reagan admitted that they had "differences of appreciation" on certain issues. The President failed to convince the Prime Minister that sanctions on Nicaragua were necessary.

"We had no sense of their support for our economic sanctions," the Secretary of State, Mr George Schultz, said, after the meeting between the two leaders.

"There was some difference of analysis as to the degree to which the Communist Government in Nicaragua is moving

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SA union leader dies after arrest

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

A top South African trade unionist has died of head injuries in hospital after being arrested in "good health" by police, a trade union claimed yesterday.

Police later confirmed the death of Mr Andries Raditsela, an executive member of the powerful Federation of South African Trade Unions. They declined to comment further as "the circumstances surrounding his death form part of an official investigation."

Mr Raditsela was arrested at the weekend by police in camouflage uniform outside his home at Tsakane township, on the East Rand, and later charged under the Internal Security Act, a statement by the Chemical Workers Industrial Union said.

After being taken in police custody he was admitted to hospital. The charges under the Internal Security Act were withdrawn on Monday, only hours before he died at Baragwanath hospital, near Soweto.

Mr Raditsela was reportedly being questioned by uniformed police about a car outside his home when riot police intervened to arrest him. He was said to have been seen in a dazed state later at the local development board office.

Meanwhile, in separate incidents, the Soweto homes of two United Democratic Front members on trial for treason, were petrol-bombed early yesterday. The two men, Mr Aubrey Mokoena and the Rev. Frank Chikane, were released on bail last Friday.

There has been tension and violence between the UDF and the rival Azanian People's Organisation.

Doctors call the cards

From Alex Brummer in Washington

With the help of a teenager and a couple of college dropouts, one of America's largest private health insurers, is to pioneer a new plastic membership card which will mean that doctors will never have to worry about losing a patient's file.

"Lifecard," which looks like a bank credit card will be adorned with an optical laser memory strip which will be capable of storing up to 800 pages of a patient's medical history.

A simple scanner and an IBM personal computer will help doctors and hospitals to recall every last detail of a patient's medical history from dental records to the most recent X-rays or brain scans.

The card was developed by three technological whizzkids without a degree among them. The leader, Douglas Becker, aged 19, teamed up with two 23-year-olds who failed to complete college and managed to sell the idea to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland.

"It's amazing," said Mr John Anderson, a company executive yesterday. "They conceived the idea and brought it to us. We liked it because we are always looking for ways of improving our membership card."

To many people the membership card is in effect a lifeline as many doctors and hospitals are unwilling to treat patients unless they can show proof of private insurance.

Among the information which can be included in the high-tech lifecard is a photograph of the patient, a facsimile of his or her signature, the extent of health insurance, and a huge range of medical information.

While hospitals and the patient's family doctor would be able to recall all the stored information on the card, specialists such as dentists and opticians would only be able to scan relevant medical information unless further detail is requested. Pharmacists could use the card to call up detail of drug allergies, prescription records, and other relevant data.

The card will be produced by a new firm, Health Management Systems, run by the inventor, with the backing of the Maryland insurer. They hope to sell the idea to other Blue Cross companies and medical insurers around the country. The immediate task will be to start selling the scanners at a cost of about $1,500 to doctors and hospitals.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Customs in £2m drug haul

CANNABIS resin, with a street value of £2 million, was found in a raid at the Cornish port of Falmouth yesterday, said Customs and Excise officials.

The drugs, said to be of high quality and weighing 800 kilos, were seized after a three-week surveillance operation in the Channel in an operation code-named Kismet. Customs men closed in on the port when an in-shore fishing vessel berthed after meeting a 30ft ketch at sea.

The seizure comes eight months after Customs men netted their largest single haul of cannabis at north Fambridge, Essex, when an estimated £7 million worth of the drug was seized.

Murderer faces execution

A JAMAICAN man faces the death sentence after Privy Council judges in London yesterday dismissed his appeal against a four-year-old murder conviction by a three-two majority.

Frank Robinson, a 26-year old woodworker, was condemned to death by a court in Kingston, Jamaica, for shooting a man in a row about a motorbike. He will hang within the next few months unless the island's governor-general commutes the sentence to life imprisonment.

Secret papers found on dump

A LORRY driver has discovered a second set of secret documents, marked "Nato restricted," and detailing the production specifications of the Tornado warplane, on a Manchester rubbish dump.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons yesterday about whether procedures for disposing of classified documents shoud be re-examined. Two boys found papers on a London tip last week.

Egg-collector fined £1,700

A COLLECTOR was fined £1,700 yesterday after being convicted on eight charges of possessing or controlling 2,256 wild birds' eggs.

Magistrates ordered Colin Watson, a 41-year-old power station worker of Wistow, near Selby, north Yorkshire to pay £275 costs. Watson, who has collected eggs for 30 years, said he would appeal.

Suicide failure gaoled for rape

A HOSPITAL porter who drank disinfectant in a suicide attempt shortly before being convicted of rape was gaoled for 2½ years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Harry Samynaden, aged 32, of Heath Road, Clapham, south London, drank the fluid in court last month and was found guilty while being treated in hospital. He claimed he thought that the victim was his wife.

Commissioners clear BBC

THE BBC was fair to the United Kingdom's glass recycling industry in a Radio Four programme last year, the Broadcasting Complaints Commission has ruled.

It rejected a complaint by the Glass Manufacturers' Federation that the BBC programme ignored the industry's success and said that an error in figures did not affect the programme's case.

2,000 laid off at car plant

VAUXHALL Motors at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, last night laid off 2,000 men without pay because of a week-old strike by 160 electricians. A company spokesman said that breakdowns on production lines could not be repaired.

Vauxhall also called off a visit by its dealers to the plant because of the strike over who operates a computerised system controlling robotic carriers.

Miles set for chess exit

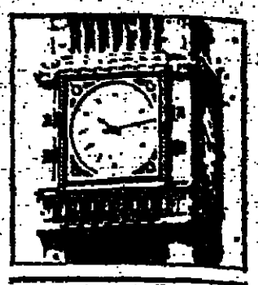
TONY MILES of Britain, faces elimination from the world chess series after resigning in round eight yesterday to Chernin of the Soviet Union at the Carthage inter-zonal in Tunisia.

Yusupov of the USSR leads the tournament with 6½ points, followed by his compatriots, Belyavsky and Chernin with six. Miles with three, has scored only one win with four draws and three defeats.





War veterans who campaign for nuclear disarmament marked the 40th anniversary of VE Day by laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall yesterday. Mgr Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND adds his tribute. The Ex-Services CND, formed last year, claims 80 members. Pictures by Gary Weaser



David McKie

Troops demand early VJ Day

SOMETHING rather less than rapture greeted the Prime Minister when she reported to the Commons yesterday on the Bonn economic summit.

That had something to do, no doubt, with the county elections, during which some of her backbenchers discovered that the "Thatcher factor," once an electoral godsend, is now rather the reverse.

But it was probably most of all a reflection of the gathering Commons scepticism about these great international junkets which has now spread even to that great erstwhile junketeer, Roy Jenkins (SDP, Hillhead and former Preident of the European Commission), who yesterday described the proceedings at Bonn as the most flatulent and platitudinous of the whole 11 match series.

What was engaging MPs on the eve of the VE Day celebrations yesterday was the same ominous thought which had engaged their predecessors 40 years before: the awareness that while there might be reconciliation and agreement in Europe, the war with Japan was still very much on.

At Trade and Industry Questions last week, Norman Tebbit, who can normally rely on the friendliest of backbench receptions, was sharply belaboured by colleagues for his failure to protect British industry from the depredations of the Japanese. Yesterday was Mrs Thatcher's turn as the inquest on Bonn developed more and more into a concerted denunciation of Mr Nakasone's inscrutable and impenetrable economy.

Heartwarming news, said Tony Beaumont-Dark (C, Selly Oak), that we had reached an understanding with Japan. But did not he recall a "gentlemen's agreement" a full five years ago—since when our trading deficit was up by £20 billion? Patrick Cormack (C, Staffs) thought it was time that the Japanese shouldered the greater share of the defence burden while Richard Hickmet (C, Glanford) said the Japanese were waging a trade war and if they did not desist we should knock out 10 per cent of their car imports.

What was biting Mr Hickmet was the Bosphorus bridge. Mrs Thatcher was wholly with him on that. When she comes to be buried, the words "Second Bosphorus Bridge" may be discovered written on her heart.

This was not a case, the Prime Minister kept insisting, where Britain had failed to compete. Our bid for the bridge was a winner on price: it was the accompanying infrastructure, with its accompanying subsidies, which had dished us.

Michael Fallon, Conservative MP for Darlington, where this means lost jobs, thought the Japanese and the Turks should be entreated, even now, to subcontract the bridgeworks to the British. Dennis Skinner surveyed him pityingly. "His seat's gone for a start," he announced.

Mrs Thatcher looked and sounded a little peaky yesterday. She delighted half the House by teasing Mr Skinner ("We were both at grammar schools") and two-thirds of it by feigning astonishment when the SDP's David Owen condemned her "hectoring" style. "If I might say so," she told him, "you have become an arch exponent of that very thing."

But she is a little out of date there, perhaps. Well before the Falklands, Dr Owen had discerned a national taste for the resolute and authoritative and adjusted to match, but more recently, with Mrs Thatcher's allure fading, he seems to be selecting a gentler, more conciliatory gear. Thus he speaks approvingly of compromise, and there are those who predict he may already be working on a memorial lecture entitled "In Praise of Fudge and Mudge."

Meanwhile, we have Peter Walker's memorial lecture, about which the Prime Minister was taxed yesterday. She responded by reading out bits she particularly liked: Walker on the scourge of inflation, for example. When Neil Kinnock challenged her about it, she simply read out a section which disparaged the Labour Party.

The effect was a little bizarre. "Look!" she seemed almost to be saying. "This fellow seems to be even more against you than he is against me!"

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'This foolhardy action' angrily condemned by other teachers' unions

NUT crushes hopes of talks with Joseph

By Andrew Moncur, Education Staff

The National Union of Teachers yesterday crushed hopes of an immediate joint approach with the employers to Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary, to seek an end to the teachers' pay dispute.

Sir Keith had agreed to see union leaders and management representatives together — a move that offered at least a chance of progress. Last night he was keeping open the time and date on offer: 6 pm tomorrow.

The NUT, the largest teaching union, had by then blocked the proposal, which was put forward earlier yesterday by the management side as part of a double initiative aimed at making a significant contribution towards a solution.

The NUT action was condemned as foolhardy by other union leaders, who complained that they had not been consulted.

But the unions accepted a separate offer of informal talks with the employers to explore common ground before next Wednesday's meeting of the full Burnham pay negotiating committee. That informal discussion, welcomed on all sides, will take place tomorrow.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, welcomed the informal talks with the employers who, he said, had confirmed that they were prepared to meet on the terms laid down by the teachers' panel.

The NUT used its inbuilt majority on that panel, where all teaching unions are represented, to put through its resolution restricting any informal talks to the single issue of this year's pay settlement, ruling out discussion on the issue of salary structure reform.

"As regards the suggestion of joint talks with Sir Keith Joseph, the teachers' panel have welcomed the prospect of joint talks with the Secretary of State, but only after progress has been made at a Burnham committee meeting," he said.

"Therefore, any joint approach is dependent on the outcome of the Burnham committee next week."

That effectively ruled out any chance of meeting Sir Keith this week, and there was swift reaction from other union leaders. Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that the NUT had no mandate from the other unions to take that stance.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "What on earth we can hope to achieve by ignoring him or pretending he doesn't exist I just don't understand.

"It is unfortunate that the NUT should announce this decision before we have even met to consider it. As far as we are concerned, any progress in Burnham is possible only with the Secretary of State's agreement."

The political make-up of the employers' side in the pay negotiations seems unlikely to change before next week's meeting of Burnham, despite the Tory losses in last week's county council elections.

Although individual members of the education committee of the Association of County Councils may lose their seats, the change of political balance in the shires is unlikely to be reflected before the association's annual meeting on June 19.

Similarly, Mrs Nikki Harrison, who chairs the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, will keep her seat as an AMA member, although there were moves to unseat her from the education committee chair in her own borough of Haringey last night.

VE-Day message to the Kremlin

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday exchanged greetings to celebrate VE-Day, each expressing hope for constructive dialogue between London and Moscow.

The Prime Minister said in a letter to the Soviet leader that it was vitally important "to work patiently and realistically for better understanding and cooperation." She said Britain rededicated itself to the values of freedom for which the victory was won.

The message from Mr Gorbachev, released simultaneously, talked of "a climate of trust and mutual understanding" and the removal of the military threat hanging over the world.

He said that the foundations on which a peaceful future could be built were the decisions — the "post-war territorial-political realities in Europe" — laid down in the Crimea and Potsdam conferences and the Helsinki Final Act.

The ritual exchanges, including the commitment to peace and the gratitude to a wartime ally, hardly changed British-Soviet relations. But it was a useful occasion for the Prime Minister to communicate directly with Mr Gorbachev.

The effusiveness of the Soviet letter, which paid tribute to the gallantry of the British people alongside the Russians in delivering mankind from Fascist tyranny, was not mistaken in Whitehall for a change of mood on arms control.

Mrs Thatcher said: "On this 40th anniversary of the end of the second world war in Europe, it is right that we should look back and pay tribute with pride and thankfulness for the heroism of those in both our countries who fought in a common cause, and with grief for the terrible sufferings involved."

TGWU vote inquiry will be internal

By Keith Harper, Labour Editor

An inquiry into further possible irregularities in the general secretary's election in the Transport and General Workers' Union London and south-east region is to be established by the TGWU itself and not by the Industrial Society.

This follows a suggestion by Mr John Garnett, director of the Industrial Society, that more irregularities might have occurred because ballot returns were not returned or went missing in more than 500 branches in the region.

The union yesterday published its proposals on the conduct of the new election. To vote members must have been in the union for not less than 13 weeks, and not be more than 13 weeks in arrears. "Voting is by secret individual ballot, normally at the workplace, though other branch arrangements can be made," says the TGWU.

Members must produce an up-to-date membership card showing their eligibility. "You will be given a ballot form, which you will fill in and place in the special sealed ballot box. Your card will be stamped as proof that you have voted. If you cannot vote at your workplace or branch, you can go to any district or regional office of the union to register your vote (but you can't vote at another branch)," the statement says.

Both candidates, Mr Ron Todd, the union's general secretary-elect before the re-ballot was called, and Mr George Wright, the TGWU Welsh secretary, yesterday issued election addresses.

Mr Todd says the union requires "not leadership in a dictatorial form but leadership based on direction and guidance."

He argues that the union needs to examine its machinery for consultation and information to establish a wider understanding of issues and the reasoning behind the TGWU policies.

Neither man refers to the developments which led up to the re-ballot. Mr Wright believes the union needs strong and positive leadership allied to greater democracy. He favours a "plan for working life" aimed at creating new jobs through optional early retirement, and improvements in training provisions.

He would work to ensure that the TGWU acts in a way that is consistent with the views of members. He would seek, for instance, to introduce branch consultation on how the union's block vote should be used in elections for the leadership at Labour Party conferences.

Owen fear of weaker NCCL

By Alan Travis

THE Resignation of Mr Larry Gostin as general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties had gravely weakened its chances of being reformed from within; Dr David Owen said last night.

The SDP leader said he could not continue to support the organisation unless it implemented a programme of reform to ensure that advice on civil liberties was available to all.

He said the NCCL was going to try to remove the block vote provision in its constitution, to argue that it should champion the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights in British law, and to change policies so as to endorse the right to work and cross pickets and to ensure that advice on civil liberties was available to all.

If these attempts failed then the NCCL could no longer expect some of the signatories to its 1984 charter of civil rights and liberties to continue to identify with the aims and objectives of the civil rights body.

Dr Owen said that the recent decisions of the NCCL conference had called into question the charter which was part of a campaign to widen the base of its support, which had become too identified with the left within the Labour Party.

He said the recent conference decisions had shown a selective approach to civil liberties unacceptable to those who had endorsed the 1984 charter. "One cannot be selective about the right to picket and about the right to cross a picket line."

Addressing the London lodges of B'Nai B'Rith, the Jewish charitable organisation, he said there was a "slippery slope of compromising on the universality of human rights and freedom of expression."

There were understandable feelings against the National Front in this country, but provided it did not breach the legal constraints on incitement to racialism it ought not to be deprived of a platform from which to express its views.

He cited the attempted ban by Sunderland Polytechnic Students Union on a Jewish society as evidence of how a policy of no platform for fascists could soon be interpreted as a policy of no platform for Zionists.

● Mr Alex Carlisle, QC, the Liberal MP who recently considered resigning his newly-won seat on the NCCL executive committee, said last night that he was now optimistic about the organisation's future.

Mr Carlisle, a close ally of Mr Gostin, told the Association of Liberal Trade Unionists in Harrow, that the great majority of NCCL members still believed in its commitment to civil liberties.

Woman from bank supplied information

By Stephen Cook

The Home Office is planning to issue instructions to immigration staff to stop them obtaining the addresses of illegal entrants or overstayers from banks.

The issue was raised yesterday at an inquest in north London on Miss Jeanette Ryan, aged 20, who worked for Barclays Bank and supplied addresses from its computer to her stepbrother, an immigration officer at Gatwick airport.

The coroner, Dr David Paul, raised the possibility that this activity, which would have led to her dismissal if discovered, might have played a part in her death, but came to no firm conclusion. He recorded a verdict that she killed herself.

Miss Ryan's body was found in her car in the garage of her home in Willesden Green, north London. She had died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Her stepbrother, Mr Barry Woodward, told the court that he had worked for six weeks in a department tracing people in breach of immigration law. Miss Ryan had obtained information for him, but just after Christmas she refused to help him any more.

"She said it was too risky," he said. "I didn't pressurise her because right from the start I always made it clear that if she was unable to do it, or felt she shouldn't do it, then she shouldn't."

Mr Colin Manchip, deputy chief inspector of immigration, said the case had shown the need for instructions to staff that any requests for information from banks should be through official channels.

Mr Paul Meyer, deputy head of the law section of Barclays, said that the bank would not provide information about clients unless the immigration service obtained a court order. If this happened the client would be informed. Any member of staff giving the information unofficially was likely to be dismissed.

OBITUARY



ONE of Britain's most glamorous film stars of the 1950s, Dawn Addams, above, died yesterday in hospital after a five - month fight against cancer. She was 54.

Her career took her to Hollywood and Italy, where she married Prince Vittorio Massimo. Their stormy marriage ended in divorce in 1971, and three years later she married Mr Jimmy White, a retired businessman.

Shipyard threat fades

By Jean Stead

Workers at Scott Lithgow's yard on the Lower Clyde drew back from strike action yesterday as Trafalgar House, the owners, announced that a "substantial number" of inquiries about redundancy had been received.

They had voted last week to strike or occupy the yard unless Trafalgar House withdrew its demand for 600 redundancies by today. The owners had said these would be enforced if there were not enough volunteers.

Unions confirmed that a substantial number was investigating redundancy terms.

Several hundred are believed to be seeking redundancy. The yard has only one order, a multi-million pound exploration rig for Britoil. Trafalgar House has denied that it was forcing redundancies because it was renegotiating the Britoil contract, which was behind schedule.

Poll shows Tories 1pc ahead

By Martin Linton

The Government has regained a narrow lead over Labour according to a Mori poll published in yesterday's Evening Standard, which puts the Tories at 38 per cent, Labour at 37 per cent and the Alliance at 24.

It suggests a significant recovery in the Government's fortunes since the last round of polls by Mori, Gallup and Marplan which all put Labour in the lead by 4 or 5 per cent.

The poll was taken in the week of the county council elections and the Tory recovery was not confirmed by the election results. The votes were more in keeping with the earlier polls showing Labour ahead

The poll also understates the Alliance strength in the local elections, which was equivalent to a national share of 28.5 per cent of the vote. It tends to confirm the Alliance contention that they always perform better in an election than an opinion poll.

If the Tory lead is confirmed by other polling organisations this month, it will check the Labour and Alliance optimism which has been rising rapidly as a result of the county council elections.

The percentage of the electorate who were satisfied with the Government, according to Mori, rose 2 per cent between March and April and Mrs Thatcher's satisfaction rating, though still very low, rose slightly.

Liverpool scrap race committee

By a Correspondent

Liverpool city council decided to scrap its race relations liaison committee, which had not sat for six months, following a dispute with black community groups over the appointment of a race relations liaison officer. The committee is to be replaced by an equal opportunities committee.

The decision was made by the policy and finance committee amid anger from chanting demonstrators from the black community.

The controversy over the race relations committee began with the appointment of London Militant Tendency supporter, Mr Sam Bond as liaison officer. Black groups saw this as a political appointment.

The committee's chairman, Mr Paul Lafferty said there would be full consultation over the new committee. Mr Alex Bennett, Merseyside community relations officer said: "My feeling is that the selection of these people for the new committee will be purely a token and probably influenced by Militant Tendency."

The Liberal leader, Sir Trevor Jones, said: "There were hundreds of locals who could have done the job as well as Sam Bond, whose employment will be terminated by the Liberals."

The Conservative leader, Mr Chris Hallows, said his party supported the new committee. He said he had lost count of the number of chairmanships of the race relations committee.

Girl falls 60ft

Emma Diver, aged 2, escaped with cuts and bruises after falling more than 60 ft. on to concrete from the fifth floor of a block of council flats at Tatwin Crescent, Thornhill, Southampton.

Insurance firms to pay more for road accidents

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

The Department of Health intends to tighten regulations to force insurance companies to pay a larger share of the £100 million-a-year road traffic accident bill, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the health minister, announced yesterday.

He aims to make negligent motorists more directly responsible for injuries to people by making their insurance companies liable for patient treatment fees of up to £1,777 for each person involved.

The decision runs contrary to advice given in a report published yesterday under the Department of Health scrutiny programme set up by Sir Derek Rayner. The report called for the abolition of all fees which it deemed "anachronistic, discriminatory, anomalous, and awsteful of scarce staff and management resources in the NHS."

Mr Clarke will back, as soon as legislation permits, proposals to abolish a £10.90 charge — raised to £13.32 last month — paid automatically by motorists for emergency treatment.

This charge, paid regardless of liability, is, according to the scrutiny programme, not enough to cover average costs of admission to accident and emergency departments, and costs almost as much to collect as the income it raises.

The report discloses that authorities would find it difficult to pursue all claims with insurance companies because of the fine involved and the fact that liability has to be proved before charges can be imposed for treatment.

The report says: "This is a time-consuming procedure with a relatively low success rate, and a long wait for payment. In the districts which we judge to be efficient, the authorities received payments in only 12 per cent of the cases, often two or more years after the accident."

The Department of Health was unable to say last night how the new procedures to collect a larger share of the bill would work.

NHS Scrutiny Programme. The Collection of Fees by Health Authorities Under the 1972 Road Traffic Act. Price 70 pence from DHSS Leaflets Unit, PO Box 21, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 1AY.

Ulster soldier gaoled

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

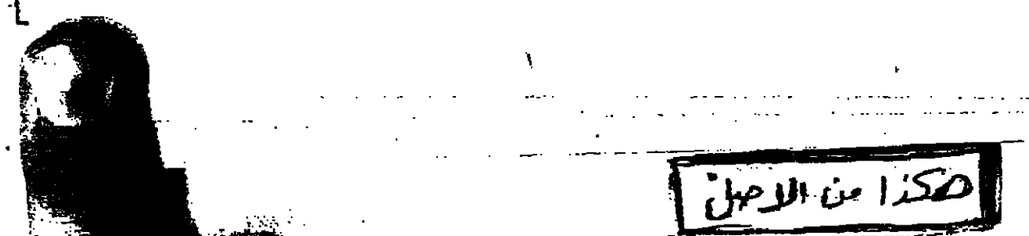
A part-time soldier who admitted belonging to the outlawed Protestant paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force, was sent to prison for a total of five years yesterday.

Alister McKendry, aged 21, of North Antrim, a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, also admitted taking part in an armed robbery at a petrol station three years ago, and possessing arms and ammunition.

A member of the same UDR platoon, Paul Alexander, also 21, from County Antrim, received an 18-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, after he admitted possessing a weapon and one round of ammunition when he appeared yesterday at Belfast Crown Court.

The Prosecution said that Alexander had been given the gun by McKendry to conceal it.

The UDR is part of the British Army, but its members serve only in Northern Ireland; they have to live in the Province, and some of them are women. Only 8 per cent of its members are Roman Catholics.



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Lurking lung disease which thrives in hospitals

David Pallister reports on the findings and questions about Legionnaire's disease

THE first point to make about the bacterium legionella pneumophila is that there is a lot of it about.

Scientific surveys in Britain recently have shown that it occurs in more than 20 per cent of all samples taken from the water supplies of public and commercial buildings.

Thirty per cent of water cooling towers are affected and in 1981 it was found lurking in 17 out of 52 hotels. Legionnaire's disease has killed 67 people in Britain in the past four years.

Since it was first identified in 1977 by the Centre of disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, after the death of 29 people at an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, scientists have discovered a good deal about the bacterium.

They have isolated more than half a dozen strains, discovered its natural habitat and how it breeds, and come up with a successful anti-biotic, erythromycin.

But there are still many unanswered questions. Why, for example, if it is so prevalant, do not more people catch the disease.

"That's a very difficult question to answer," says Dr John Kurtz, the consultant virologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, and one of Britain's leading specialists.

"My guess is the quantity of the bacteria in any one place and that fact that some strains are more virulent than others." About 90 per cent of cases are caused by the Philadelphia strain.

This much is known: the bacterium thrives in warm, stagnant water, hence its prevalance in the water and air conditioning systems of hospitals, hotels, and commerical buildings.

It is carried in tiny water particles — through shower heads, air vents or spray from water towers. The disease can begin when it is inhaled into the lungs. It is not contagious.

Modern plumbing, Dr Kurtz believes, helps it to thrive. It needs a little iron but many amino acids are provided by the decay or excreta of other types of bacteria. These, in turn, are promoted by some plastic and rubber washers and joints in plumbing systems. Materials are available which do not help bacteria grow.

Other precautions can be taken. Chlorine kills the bacterium, but it has to be regularly injected into the system as it becomes neutralised. Nor can it survive in tap water at a temperature of 55 degrees C. But hot water in hospitals for old people or children has to be carefully controlled.

Since 1977 it has also been established that the disease has been around for a long time. Frozen specimens from outbreaks thought to have been simple pneumonia as long ago as 1943 have contained the bacterium. Fourteen patients at a psychiatric hospital in Washington DC died of it in 1965.

There is as yet no effective way of permanently eradicating it from buildings. Better plumbing design, water control, and a speedier way of identifying the disease can all help.

Boy, 5, started fire that killed sister

A five-year-old boy "fascinated with fires" showed detectives how he started the blaze in which his three-year-old sister died, an inquest heard yesterday.

Leon Lindup had started five other fires at his home in the two months before the one on New Year's Day that killed his sister Kelly, the inquest at Leigh, Greater Manchester, was told.

Detective Constable Rita Kraft said: "He told me how he opened a bottle of paraffin, knocked it over, let it spill on the floor and then shook it," she said Leon then told her: "I lit it. It went up dead quick."

She said that Leon set light to paper with matches in a police interview room, smiled as he watched it burning, became annoyed when it began to die out and demanded more paper.

"He became over-excited about the flames and I had to take the matches from him and extinguish the fire."

The West Manchester coroner, Mr David Blakey, recorded a verdict of misadventure on Kelly, who died in the blaze at the family's home in Lynton Road, Tyldesley, near Leigh.

Fire investigation officers had told the inquest that the fire had begun when someone poured paraffin over rubbish and toys stored behind the front door.

Leon's mother, Mrs Catherine Lindup, told the inquest that her son had a fascination for playing with fire. "He was forever playing with matches and cigarette lighters," she said. Mrs Lindup told of five other fires he had started at his home.

"No matter what I did or said, it didn't seem to make any difference. I hoped he would grow up out of it," she said.

Mrs Lindup said that the day before the blaze, Leon had gone with her to buy paraffin which her husband intended to use to make a bonfire, and had become very excited.

Detective Chief Inspector Tony Scanlon said that Leon blamed his mother for making rubbish available for him to burn. Inspector Scanlon said Leon's problems had probably been caused by lack of parental control.

He told the inquest that at one stage of police inquiries, Mrs Lindup had been a suspect after failing to tell police of Leon's fascination with fire and of the other five fires.

The inquest was told that after Kelly's death, Leon was taken to a children's home under the supervision of social services. At the end of March, he was returned to his parents when the social services said that he had no serious behaviour disorder.

Social services representatives said that during his stay at the home he had shown no fascination with fire.

Man 'killed taxi driver with concrete block'

Forget miners' strike, QC tells murder trial jury

By Paul Hoyland

The jury at the trial of three miners accused of murdering a Welsh taxi driver as he took a working pitman to a colliery were told yesterday to ignore the passions aroused by the coal strike.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, prosecuting, told Cardiff Crown Court that a 4in thick concrete block weighing 46lb was allegedly thrown at Mr David Wilkie's taxi as he passed under Rhymney Bridge, near Merthyr Tydfil, at dawn on the way to Merthyr Vale colliery, mid-Glamorgan, with a police escort.

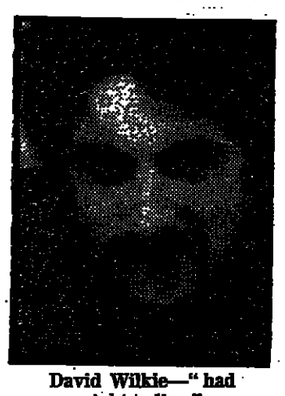
"We have heard much in these last months of the right to strike, the right to work, but you are concerned with rights that have been held in all ages and in all civilisations to be fundamental," he told the jury.

"The right of each of these men to a fair and unprejudiced trial and the right of David Wilkie simply to be alive."

Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 21, of Rhymney Bridge; Russell Shankland, aged 21, of Manest Street, Rhymney; and Anthony Glyndwr Williams, aged 26, of Ty Coch, Rhymney, deny murder and endangering the lives of the occupants of the taxi. Hancock pleaded guilty to manslaughter but the plea was rejected by the prosecution.

"This was an enterprise jointly carried out by these three men. They are each responsible for what occurred," said Mr Thomas. "They set out to prevent David Williams from going to work at Merthyr Vale colliery.

"How could they stop the vehicle which was taking him to his work, from that bridge 24ft above the carriageway,



David Wilkie—"had right to live"

save by aiming missiles at it? How could any of them have thought that throwing blocks of that size and weight could do anything other than cause really serious injury?

"What other intention could they have had? Even if Anthony Williams stood to one side, as he said he did, he was pdesent at the scene and actively encouraged it."

The 18in long concrete block smashed the windscreen and hit the driver, aged 35, smashed the lower part of his jaw, fractured his skull, caved in his chest and caused his seat to collapse.

The Ford Cortina estate, which was also struck by a 6ft 6in long concrete pillar weighing 65lb, veered out of control and crashed. Mr D. Williams, aged 35, of Rhymney, was unhurt.

PC Brian Doubler told the court that he saw two men on the bridge throw an object at the convoy, which was travelling at between 40 and 50 mph.

The court heard that Mr Williams returned to work on November 20 after being on strike since March. Hancock was arrested four days later for throwing a bottle at his house and shouting "you scabby bastard." He allegedly told police: "We will get the bastard."

A wooden electricity pole was sawn down to block the taxi on November 29. Mr Thomas said: "On November 30, Hancock, with the active support of the other defendants, succeeded in preventing the taxi with David Williams going to Merthyr Vale colliery."

Then the three men had blamed each other. Hancock allegedly told his girlfriend: "I think we have killed someone" and asked her to say he had spent the night with her.

"The issue is whether there was an intention on the part of each or all these men to kill or cause really serious injury to the driver" said Mr Thomas. "It makes no difference that they were striking miners who were trying to stop what they regarded as strike-breaking." The strike was only a backcloth to the trial.

He told the jury: "You may have shared pride in seeing Welsh miners virtually united going back to pits behind bands and waving banners. On the other hand, you may have been moved to anger by aspects of violence you saw during the strike." However, it would be wrong to arrive at verdicts determined by personal views and prejudices.

Shankland was alleged to have told police: "It was not done to kill the bloke, it was only done to frighten. I'm sorry for what happened. I feel terrible about his family."

The trial continues.

Bishops' blessing for end to rift

By Martyn Halsall, Churches Correspondent

The Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales today announced substantial agreement with an international commission set up to heal centuries of divisions between the world-wide Anglican and Catholic churches.

"This response is the most significant act in the history of the churches in this country," said the bishop of East Anglia, the Right Reverend Alan Clark, who was the Catholic chairman of the first Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission.

"I regard it as on the threshold of a new relationship between the churches," he said. "This degree of positive response will be a tremendous help to both our churches throughout the world."

The commission had shown substantial agreement among members on the three main issues of the reformation, "and now is the time for reconciliation."

The bishop's report discussed in several drafts over the past 18 months, is part of an international response to Arcic 1. Each national Catholic bishops' conference is being encouraged to report to Rome. The final Anglican response will emerge from the next Lambeth Conference of Bishops in 1988.

The English bishops' response re-emphasises the qualifications surrounding the doctrine of papal infallibility, laid down by the First Vatican Council, but popularly forgotten.

They emphasise the need for continuing discussion to change official Catholic legislation on the validity of Anglican ordination—outlawed by a papal bull in 1896 — and expressed optimism for the reconciliation of other contentious subjects, including a common understanding of the Virgin Mary.

Arcic 1 was the result of 12 years' debate by 20 theologians studying the Eucharist, ministry and authority. On the first two, its members announced "substantial agreement" which is underlined in the bishops' report today.

"In terms of faith in relation to the Eucharist and to the ministry, and ordination, there is nothing to keep us apart," said the Bishop of Northampton, the Right Reverend Francis Thomas, who introduced the bishops' report at a news conference.

On authority—the position of the Pope as teacher and leader—the Arcic report announced a concensus with "substantial agreement on these devisive issues ... now possible."

The Act of Settlement which established a Protestant succession to the British Crown would need to be repealed before communion was established between the two world churches, the bishops said.

The 24 members of a second commission, announced when the Pope visited Canterbury in 1982, have the subject of Church and State in Britain on their agenda.

The ordination of women, now under consideration by the Church of England, remained a "grave obstacle" to reconciliation, the bishops said.

On papal authority, the bishops agree that "the assent of the faithful is the ultimate indication" of an infallible pronouncement.

The bishops also support the Arcic proposal that the Pope should be the head of an eventually reunited church, as a universal primate, although they call for a clearer agreement between the churches on a higher view of papal authority.

The bishops are reluctant to set out a timetable for eventually unity and foresee a lengthy agenda. The most optimistic voices within the churches are talking of the early 1990s, but there are considerable pockets of opposition.



NETS AND NEWTS: Ken Livingstone and fellow naturalists fishing for newts at the Camley Street National Park, King's Cross, London, which the GLC leader opened yesterday. Ecologists and landscape artists transformed a derelict area by the Grand Union Canal into a haven for wildlife at a cost of £785,000. Picture by Frank Martin

Student 'died in Lakes fall'

By a Correspondent

A French student whose body was found in the Lake District fell to her death while sightseeing, police said yesterday.

Veronique Marre, a 21-year-old agriculture student, of Sceaux, south of Paris, disappeared on a walking holiday in July 1983 and started a police hunt involving Interpol.

Her body was found on Monday in a gully on fells above Wast Water. A post-mortem examination was being carried out yesterday and an inquest will open in Whitehaven, Cumbria, today.

A member of Wasdale mountain rescue team found the body two weeks after police closed their investigation. He noticed clothing at the bottom of a gulley and found Veronique's remains 30ft above.

Mr Bill Patterson, the team's leader, said: "It looks as if she had gone to a prominente viewpoint on top of the screes and lost her footing, falling about 300ft to her death."



Veronique Marre—missing for two years

A detective on the case said: "We are satisfied crime was not involved. Her rucksack had eroded due to the elements until the bag burst and some clothing came into view."

Police divers had found the body of Mrs Margaret Hogg, dumped 10 years earlier, while searching Wast Water for Veronique. Mrs Hogg's husband Peter, an airline pilot, was gaoled for four years earlier this year for manslaughter.

Veronique had not been seen since setting off to walk over fells to Grasmere.

Posters of her were issued nationwide and among leads followed up were reported sightings of a girl answering her description in Pitlochry, Bangor, Cambridge and Yeovil.

Students face court over 'racist ban'

By David Rose

York University yesterday launched High Court proceedings against its students' union in an attempt to force it to lift its ban on "racist and sexist speakers."

Mr Peter Smith, the university's senior assistant registrar, last night, compared the dispute to that at the North-west London Polytechnic, where students foot protest action against a National Front organiser, Mr Patrick Harrington attending lectures.

Mr Smith said he hoped that the confrontation at York would not be as long or as bitter, but the university considered the matter to be "a fundamental point of principle" and said the union was denying the right to free speech.

York, like other universities, has had a "no platform for racists" policy for some years. The dispute dates back to last autumn, when a students' union picket forced the cancellation of a meeting due to be addressed by Mr John Carlisle, the Monday Club Tory MP.

Since the cancelled meeting, the university authorities and the union have had a long correspondence, culminating in a deadline issued two weeks ago that proceedings would be issued unless the policy were changed.

The deadline expired yesterday, and Mr Smith duly carried out the university's threat. The students last week voted at a union general meeting to continue with the disputed policy.

Mr Smith strongly criticised this decision, saying that the meeting had been attended by only 250 of the 3,500 students. He warned that the action — which would seek a declaration that the policy breached both common law and the students' union charter — would be expensive, and that the university "will undoubtedly seek costs."

The students' union president, Mr Jonathan Slater, said that the legal action would be defended if at all possible.

Adult college boycott

By Tony Heath

Students at Coleg Harlech, an adult education college in North Wales, yesterday began a week's boycott of lectures in protest at the suspension of four colleagues after an incident in which windows in a wooden hut on the campus were broken.

The building, known to the students as The Pit, was used occasionally for social functions, and is likely to be demolished soon.

The boycott was decided on at a mass meeting attended by more than 75 per cent of the 140 students at the college. Voting was about 6-4 in favour of the action.

Mr Terry Perry, chairman of the students' union, said later: "The alleged damage is put at about £100. We don't condone vandalism, but we think the action by the college authorities was arbitrary. To all intents and purposes the four men are now homeless."

The college warden, Mr Joe England, denied students' claims that the suspensions were aimed at union activists who were prominent last year in a dispute over accommodation charges.

He said that the suspensions had been ordered after consultation with academic staff, and added: "The were lucky not to be chucked out. If students want to shoot themselves in the foot by not attending lectures just before exams, that is their affair."

Alcoholism approach

By our Social Services Correspondent

The growing problem of alcoholism in London and Essex is not being tackled properly by district health authorities, according to a research report released by the North-east Thames regional health authority yesterday.

Plans to combat the problem will lead to the establishment of a centre for alcohol studies attached to St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College to improve educational techniques and population screening, and to test the best methods of treating alcoholics.

The report, prepared by the Greater London Alcohol Advisory Service for the region, found that the fight against alcoholism was not being given the priority expected by the region or by the Government.

Most community counselling services had time limits on their funding which prevented long-term planning.

The report found that more than £1 million a year was spent on treating alcoholics in hospital in 1983, with the highest expenditure in the City and Hackney health authority.

Most people treated were between the ages of 35 and 54, although in Barking, Brentwood, and Havering 10 per cent of patients were under the age of 15.

Woman doing well after becoming north's first heart transplant patient

By a Correspondent

A 35-year-old mother became the north's first heart transplant patient yesterday, and was said to be recovering well in the intensive care unit of the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The hospital became only the third centre for heart-transplant surgery after doctors made a 400-mile round trip by RAF helicopter to collect the donor organ from Crewe, in Cheshire. It came from a middle-aged woman.

The surgeon in charge was Mr Christopher McGregor. The recipient, a former hairdresser from the Denton Burn area of Newcastle, is not being identified. She has two children.

The hospital administrator, Mr Len Fenwick, said that the woman was conscious after the operation and immediately placed on a ventilator in the intensive care unit.

Her husband, who is in his 30s spent several hours at her bedside yesterday.

The transplant is the 293rd in Britain since 1979, and the first outside Papworth Hospital, Cambridge and Harefield Hospital, west London. It was made possible by a £42,000 gift from the American Penta Corporation, a charitable foundation which receives funding from Mr William Hewlett, a medical equipment manufacturer.

This cash was added to sums made available by the National Health Service for normal heart surgery at the Freeman Hospital, which has the largest open-heart unit in Europe.

"Funds are being used on a short-term limited programme of heart transplants that will be carried out by Mr McGregor and his team," said Mr Fenwick.

Two Tyneside men in their 20s are known to be in desperate need of a transplant when suitable donor hearts become available.

Mr McGregor, a senior lecturer in cardiothorasic surgery, joined the Freeman Hospital team earlier this year from Stanford University in California. He has been involved in more than 100 transplants on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Department of Health is likely to decide in the next few months whether more money is going to be made available to turn Freeman into the third heart transplant centre in Britain.

Papers censured for court report

Three national daily papers and the London Standard were criticised yesterday by the Press Council for mentioning the colour of a 17-year-old black youth who was convicted of murdering one girl and admitted raping five others.

Complaints by Mr R. Borzello, of Camden Passage, Islington, north London, against the Sun, the Daily Mail, the Standard (now the London Standard) and the Daily Express were upheld by the council.

Mr Borzello said that the colour of the youth had no relevance to the story and exacerbated racist feelings.

Michael Taylor, of Fanshaw Street, Hoxton, north London, was ordered by an Old Bailey judge to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

All the reports said that the black, slightly-built youth showed no emotion as the judge ordered him to be held indefinitely.

Mr Borzello said the reports were in clear breach of the Press Council's previous ruling that "a person's race or colour should only be introduced into a newspaper's report in cases where it is relevant to the story being told."

The Press Council's adjudication was: The Press Council has consistently held that people's race or colour should only be introduced into newspaper reports where it is relevant to the story being told.

In this case, the crimes were appalling but the fact that the youth convicted was black was irrelevant to them and should not have been introduced into the reports.

BBC three-hour 'faction' to view Falklands war from all sides

By Dennis Barker

THE BBC has commissioned a three-hour part fact, part fiction play about the Falklands war at the request of the director-general, Mr Allsdair Milne. It will be told from the points of view of General Galtieri, Mrs Thatcher, and President Reagan.

The production The Falklands Play, is being completed by Ian Curteis, author of Suez and Churchill and the Generals, who said yesterday that he had no plans to submit it for official scrutiny.

The play was commissioned after Mr Milne had praised Mr Curteis's similar production about Suez at a luncheon. Mr Curteis wrote to thank Mr Milne, and said he supposed that in 20 years it would be appropriate to write a play about the Falklands.

Mr Curteis said: "I was astonished when he said that if I thought I could do it in a tactful way, it could be done now. Every character is still alive, and I was frightened I would end up in the Tower of London."

But Mr Curteis decided that the "faction"—"a name I loathe"—would be valid if it showed the mounting conflict from the point of view not only of Downing Street and Chequers, but also from the White House Oval Room and General Galtieri's Cabinet office and home.

"Everyone is seeing the problem from their own point of view, and we see these coming into conflict with one another," said Mr Curteis.

"I have done a certain amount of consulting with people involved, but there is a tremendous amount in print. I have gone to one or two people who were concerned on the political side and asked them to explain, and the result will be shown in human terms."

Mr Curteis said that the play, expected to appear on BBC-1 in a year, would not deal with secrets, such as why the General Belgrano was sunk. "It is a play, not a documentary," he said. "Tam Dalyell has been in and out of various drafts of the scripts. The critics of British government policy are definitely represented."

A 10 Downing Street spokesman said: "No one here knows anything about it. I think we would need to see what the proposal is before we comment."

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Thatcher and Owen trade insults



Dr Owen—'hectoring'

PMs QUESTIONS

THE ALLIANCE'S terms for support, if it holds the balance of power after the next election, were denounced by the Prime Minister in the Commons yesterday as "a veto" and "hardly democratic."

During noisy Question Time exchanges she clashed with the SDP Leader, Dr David Owen, as they accused each other of adopting a "hectoring style."

Challenged on last week's critical remarks on government policy by Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, Mrs Thatcher endorsed his attacks on Labour and extensively quoted from her Cabinet colleagues speech — which she later confirmed in a written answer as representing government policy.

Mrs Thatcher was quick to condemn Dr Owen's proposal that the Alliance would only countenance power-sharing after the next election if it had a veto on the Queen's Speech.

Replying to Mr David Alton (L, Liverpool, Mossley Hill), Mrs Thatcher said the Alliance "does not seek a majority, it seeks to hold the balance so it might have a veto — hardly a democratic course of action if I might say so."

Dr Owen told Mrs Thatcher that the Alliance had done well in last Thursday's shire county elections because "people do not like absolute power exercised by minorities. They do not like ideologies or dogmatism, and they are increasingly fed up with your own hectoring style.

"Having lost 750,000 votes at the elections, you are now exercising power on the support of a minority of the population of this country."

But Mrs Thatcher countered to loud Tory and Labour cheers. "With regard to what you said about a hectoring style: if I might say so you have become an arch example of that very thing. I can think of no better description of the style which you have in fact adopted. "As for seeking power what you are doing is seeking an absolute veto ... almost absolute power on a smaller minority."

Mrs Thatcher firmly told Mr Alton, who first raised the Alliance's local election success, that she noted "it does not seek a majority. It seeks to hold the balance so it might have a veto—hardly a democratic course of action if I might say so."

Mr Alton had called on her to explain last week's unemployment figures, Mr Walker's speech "and the massive thumbs down given by Alliance voters up and down the country—will you be offering the excuse that once again you were out of the country?"

Mrs Thatcher said Mr Walker stressed inflationary wage rounds not linked with productivity would do immense harm to the country's economic opportunities. "I wholly agree," she added.

She quoted again from Mr Walker's speech to rebuff an attack from the Opposition Leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, over her description at the weekend of her dream of a classless Britain.

Mr Kinnock challenged her to equate her "Dream" with the fact that many more people were now having to rely on benefits. He called for her to "reverse your policy to change the welfare state, which would so gravely disadvantage so many people" and urged her "to stop the unemployment policy which has brought more people into state-dependence in the last six years than ever before."

But the Prime Minister insisted that under her Government people had been able to buy their council houses and had greater trade union rights—policies opposed by Labour.

She added that Mr Walker had said that the Labour Party was "unwilling to give the worker the higher status and higher privilege he seeks."

Later, pressed in a Commons written question by Mr Willie Hamilton (Lab, Fife Cent.) to say "if the speech made by the Energy Seretary on May 2 concerning unemployment, housing and poverty represents the policy of the Government," Mrs Thatcher replied: "Yes."

WAGE COUNCILS

Councils cost jobs —King

By our Political Staff

MR Tom King, the Employment Secretary, appeared to be in abolitionist mood yesterday in the Commons on the subject of wages councils when faced with demands from Conservative backbenchers to sweep them away.

The recent White Paper on wages councils advocates either reform or abolition of the bodies, which set minimum wage rates in some of the lowest-paid sectors of the economy, such as the retailing and distribution.

Mr King emphasised yesterday that there was evidence of jobs being lost through the operation of the councils. He told the Commons, "It is generally accepted that the abolition of the wages councils could lead to the creation of a significant number of jobs."

He went so far as saying that there was evidence that in some circumstances wages councils were depressing people's wages rather than keeping them artificially high.

Some Conservative backbenchers, including Mr Peter Thurnham (Bolton NE) emphasised their belief that wages councils put some people out of work.

Other Tory MPs complained that the councils contributed to the "why work" syndrome in relation to the wage levels set compared with supplementary benefit levels.

Mr King said that in certain circumstances the present system did act as a disincentive to employment and the Government had tried to do something about it in the budget by tackling the problems of national insurance contributions and tax thresholds.

Mr John Evans, a Labour employment spokesman, said the "mean attitude" of the Tory Party to ordinary, hard-working people was shown by the attitude of most Tory members that abolition of the wages councils would lead to cuts in wages in the sectors covered.

A government-commissioned report from Cambridge University to be published next week is expected to show that wages councils have no significant employment effects.

Tight security marks Scottish Tory conference

By Jean Lead

Unprecedented precautions are being taken against terrorist attacks at the Scottish Tory conference which opens today.

Following the Brighton bombings at the party conference last autumn, there has been an extensive study of security problems involved at Perth by Tayside police in co-operation with Scotland Yard.

This year, the Scottish Tory conference will be the most heavily guarded in history. Mrs Thatcher is due to address the rally in the City Halls on Friday night. Before then, a steady procession of ministers — including Mr Leon Brittan, Mr Nigel Lawson and Mr Tom King, as well as Mr George Younger, the Scottish Secretary — will have arrived in Perth to address the conference.

Police were very much in evidence all over Perth yesterday. The Station Hotel, which is the party headquarters, was sealed off from the public for the rest of this week. Every corner of it had been searched and entry from now on will be only by a signed pass and photograph issued well in advance of the conference by the Tory headquarters in Edinburgh. Stewards have been given instructions to escort anyone not wearing the pass from the hotel or from the hall.

Hand baggage and luggage will be searched and delegates and journalists have been strongly advised not to bring non-essential items with them so as not to hold up proceedings unnecessarily. They are being warned that any possessions left unattended in the hall might be damaged by police investigation.

Most of the ministers will be following their usual practice of making their visits to the Scottish conference a one-day affair, flying there and back from London. But a number of Tory VIPs are staying at the Station Hotel. Mrs Thatcher's means of arrival and departure on Friday are being kept a close secret.

There has been increasing concern over conference security since a group calling itself the Scottish National Liberation Army claimed responsibility for a fire which broke out a few weeks ago in an empty building of the Ministry of Defence, in London. It is one of a series of claims made to Scotland Yard over the past three years by the SNLA which is believed to have links with the IRA, and to be based in Glasgow.

BANKING

Speaker rebukes Treasury

By our Political Staff

THE TREASURY was strongly rebuked by the Speaker of the Commons yesterday after it had attempted to remove parliamentary answers which confirmed that there had been departures from normal banking practices during the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bank last October.

In a ruling, Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, said that the Treasury should not have sought to withdraw and substitute the answers in the way that it did last Thursday. If the Treasury wished to alter written answers then submissions must be made orally to the House by a minister.

The Speaker also directed that the revised replies should not have been recorded in Hansard, the official report, and ordered that the original answers should be printed in Hansard.

Mr Tony Blair, the Labour MP for Sedgefield, who had asked the original questions about the circumstances surrounding the collapse of the London merchant bank, which was rescued from liquidation by the Bank of England at a cost of £75 million, said last night he was content with the Speaker's action.

He had tabled a series of written questions to the Chancellor last Monday and the replies were issued on Thursday. But on Thursday evening a Treasury official arrived at



Mr Blair—Content

the Commons to withdraw the answers, saying the Chancellor had not approved them.

The original answers confirmed that the Bank of England report into the affair, which the government has refused to publish, did establish that there had been departures from normal banking practices by JMB. The substitute replies merely stated, "The difficulties of the bank arose from its commercial lending operations."

The Speaker also rebuked the House of Commons staff, saying no doubt they were seeking to be helpful but they should not have allowed Treasury officials to open Mr Blair's mail in the way that it was.

Mr Tony Blair said in a statement last night that now the original answers were to be reinstated on the record of the Commons, he intended to pursue the matter until the truth was known.

"The Government's sensitivity on this issue shows clearly that a great deal is being concealed about JMB and its takeover by the Bank of England," said Mr Blair.

PROCEDURE

Out of order

By Colin Brown

Demands for changes in the powers of MPs to vet the increasing use of parliamentary orders by the Government are to be made to an important Commons committee by the Labour MP, Mr Andrew Bennett.

Mr Bennett (Denton and Reddish) is protesting that the Government is attempting to duck parliamentary scrutiny by using more of the orders to carry out proposals contained in government bills.

As chairman of the all-party Commons Committee on Statutory Instruments, which scrutinises orders in private, Mr Bennett is writing to the chairman of the procedure committee, Tory MP Sir Peter Emery to recommend two important changes: he wants to ensure that in future more parliamentary orders are debated on the floor of the Commons and he also wants MPs to be given the power to amend the orders.

MPs currently only have the power to debate the orders for 1½ hours late at night in the Commons if they are opposed. In exceptional circumstances, for example following criticism of the introduction of a limited list on the prescription of drugs by GPs, the Government can provide more time.

Mr Bennett said: "If you believe Parliament's job is to scrutinise legislation, Parliament has got to have the powers to do it effectively.

WAR CRIMES

'Release Nazi files'

FOREIGN Office files on Nazi war criminals, Klaus Barbie, "the butcher of Lyons" and Josef Mengele, the concentration camp "doctor" should be released, Mr Leg Freeson, the Labour MP for Brent East demanded yesterday.

He told the Commons during rime Minister's Question Time that the Foreign Office had refused to release the files: "What are they hiding?" he asked.

Mrs Thatcher replied that the Government released such files whenever it could assist trials or commissions of inquiry and there were reasons when such publication was refused.

HOUSING

Curbs on city lifted

THE GOVERNMENT last night announced the ending of its supervision of the sale of cuncil houses by Norwich City Council.

The Department of the Environment intervened more than four years ago in the process of council house sales in the city, where it was dissatisfied with the progress made by the Labour-controlled council at the time in allowing tenants to exercise their right to buy under Conservative housing legislation.

Buses for rail move

TRANSPORT BILL

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday tabled new clauses to the Transport Bill which would allow British Rail to replace their country rail routes with bus services.

On the last day of the Transport Bill in committee the Government attempted to force through the new clauses in just 1½ hours despite their absence from the White Paper on buses.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, the Labour Shadow Transport Secretary, said the effect of the clauses would lead up to two-thirds of Welsh stations closing.

"In England and Scotland, where the Government refused to consult, details are less clear, but it is known that one scheme for bus substitution led to suggestions of 198 rail route closures," she added.

She said that when buses replace rail, two-thirds of the passengers switched to cars.



Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody

"Combined with cowboy operators creaming off bus profits on these routes, the substitution plan is nothing more than cutting Britain's rail network by the back door."

The Government has guillotined further debate on the Transport Bill, which seeks to deregulate bus routes and introduce private competition into bus services.

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We would prefer applicants who have previous social work experience and who have completed Approved Social Work training. However, newly qualified persons will be considered.

For further details and/or an informal discussion about the post, contact Allan Buckley, Area Social Work Manager on Heywood 60111 or Bob Mutton, Area Social Work Manager (North) on Rochdale 47474 Ext 758.

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For details and an application form, please send a 9 x 4 s.a.e. to:

The Personnel Department,
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Closing date for completed applications: May 29 1985.

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The post is based in London and has assured funding until Summer, 1986. The starting salary is £10,241 (incremental scale) plus £1,300 London Weighting (award pending).

Write for details, enclosing a large self-addressed envelope, to: Peter Shore, NACRO, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU. Closing date: 28th May, 1985.

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US will honour Managua contracts

From Michael White in Washington

The Administration has decided not to force US companies to break existing contracts in support of its economic embargo against Nicaragua and is poised to regain the political initiative it lost last month in Congress on aid to the Contra rebels. The sanctions came into force last night.

The decision that the US trade embargo will not be total appears to have arisen from concern at the Treasury, State and Commerce departments not to antagonise American firms or create a precedent for breach of contract which could be used against the US.

The effect of economic sanctions, which the US already has in place against 10 countries from Cuba to Iran, is hotly disputed here. But Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, and the National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane, were reportedly still fighting a rearguard action in favour of a tougher line — despite the fury which the Siberian gas pipeline embargo caused among US contractors in 1982-3.

The visit to Moscow of the Nicaraguan President, Mr Daniel Ortega, has embarrassed Democrats in the House of Representatives to the extent that the Speaker Mr Tip O'Neill, is admitting that a fresh attempt by Republicans to provide "humanitarian" aid to the anti-Sandinista rebels will not be rejected by the House as it was last month. Pro-Nicaraguan lobbyists here stress that the majority which rejected the Reagan proposals and attempted compromises was always fragile and vulnerable to charges of being soft on Communism.

Mr O'Neill remains opposed to military aid to the contras,

ITALY said yesterday that it would go ahead with a $25 million thermo-electric project in Nicaragua.—AP.

but less so to a tightly defined notion of humanitarian aid which would not, as one congressional staff member put it yesterday, enable the White House, "to drive a truck and aircraft through it."

Though some speculation suggested that the Republicans, sensing the tide moving their way, would try to increase the aid package from $14 million to its original $28 million or even $50 million, changes are more likely to concentrate on the structure of the package — away from refugee aid administered by US or international humanitarian agencies back in the direction of CIA channels, supervised by a cabinet committee. Skilfully handled an estimated majority of 20 may now exist for the aid. No House vote is likely before May 22.

The propaganda war in Washington continues. Sandinista supporters admit that the Ortega visit was "very damaging," the more so because Mr Ortega's trip was not presented as part of a wider aid appeal throughout Europe.

The Conservative Washington Times yesterday launched what it called "a worldwide fund raising drive" to raise the famous $14 million for the contras. It did so with a $100,000 donation and denunciation of "the betrayal of America's friends."

The debate about the wisdom and effectiveness of the hasty decision to put overt economic pressure on the leftwing regime in Managua focuses in part on the policy's failure since 1960 in Cuba which, it is said, was not forced to mend its ways but bound closer to the Soviet bloc by sanctions.

Brazil gets back vote

From Jan Rocha in Sao Paulo

President Jose Sarney has presented a bill to Congress that restores direct elections for the presidency and abolishes the electoral college system introduced by the military regime.

In his first important policy speech, President Sarney also announced a £2 billion plan to provide food and jobs to mitigate the hunger and misery of millions of underprivileged Brazilians.

He said that his Government's priority would be social development to satisfy the basic needs of the population. He included a plea to Brazil's foreign creditors.

The President, by sending his own bill restoring direct presidential elections to Congress, prevented right- and left-wing opposition parties from taking the initiative. The bill ces for the abolition of the electoral college, but leaves the date of the next general election — and, therefore, the duration of the President's own mandate — to be decided by a constituent assembly.

The President's Bill will be included in a constitutional amendment on electoral and party reform due to be voted later today by Congress. The amendment, which needs a two-thirds majority to pass, also provides for the restoration of elections for the mayors of Brazil's main cities in November.



Stepping out: Nancy Reagan dances at the School of Dramatic Arts and Dance, Madrid while Mr Reagan talks with King Juan Carlos before addressing the Juan March Foundation

Leftwingers to show support for Nicaragua

Reagan faces badge protest from MEPs

From Derek Brown in Strasbourg

President Reagan flies here today to face the last hurdle in his troubled tour: an address to a deeply divided European Parliament.

Among the minority of MEPs opposed to the invitation, the most hostile are the 32 British Labour members. During the President's speech this afternoon they are likely to sport large badges bearing slogans opposing US policy particularly in Nicaragua. The 132-strong Socialist group has allocated one of its nine places in the visitors' gallery to the Nicaraguan Ambassador to the Community.

As ever, the President will be surrounded by scores of security men, the advance guard of whom have been in position here for three weeks. The American presence is evident in strasbourg hotels, where block bookings have been taken for staff, guards, and the White House press corps. The Hilton alone has had 250 rooms booked by the US party. The President will be in the city for just four hours.

Already, his visit has stirred controversy and dissent. President Mitterrand had proposed to come from Paris to host a lunch in the local prefecture. The parliamentary president, and former long-time mayor of Strasbourg, Mr Pierre Pflimlin, stood his ground on the honour of parliament and city. Mr Pflimlin, therefore, will host the presidential lunch in the Palais de Rohan and President Mitterrand will stay in Paris.

Mr Reagan's speech has also caused problems, even before it is delivered. According to White House sources, the original version, written by a former conservative columnist and now chief speech writer, Mr Pat Buchanan, consisted largely of vintage, Cold War commie-bashing.

The President's National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane, realising that such a speech would not endear the President to the parliament's 130 Socialists and 40-odd Communists, ordered it toned down. But the second version, too, was rejected, and Mr McFarlane himself took over.

Whatever the President says today, will not assuage leftwing anger about US policy, especially on Nicaragua and on the Star Wars research programme.

In an emotional overture to the visit, leftwing MSPs figured prominently in a VE-Day commemoration yesterday at Struthof concentration camp in the Vosges mountains, 40 minutes drive from Strasbourg.

Prayers at the great monument overlooking the camp site, still equipped with open air gallows and gas chamber, were led by the Rev Jesse Jackson. He appealed for a renewed commitment to reradicate racism, particularly in South Africa, and anti-semitism, and urged a common struggle against "the hunger holocaust" in Africa.

At the ceremony, the Labour Home Affairs spokesman, Mr Gerald Kaufman — several of whose family were murdered by the Nazis — strongly criticised the President's visit to Bitburg, which he said had been the result of a political deal between Mr Reagan and Chancellor Kohl.

In contrast, a direct and poignant appeal for presidential interference was made yesterday on behalf of two million German speakers in Alsace and Lorraine. In an open letter to the President, their party — the Elsass Lothringischer Volksbund — complains bitterly that Germanophone children cannot be taught in their own tongue.

Wrecked cities issue 'save the peace' appeal

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

Leading representatives of eight European towns and cities devastated in the war issued an appeal for peace yesterday, and said that the greatest danger today came from the "power of the Soviet Union and the United States and their relationship with each other."

They were attending a "peace gathering" in Nuremberg, chaired by the chairman of West Germany's opposition Social Democratic Party, Mr Willy Brandt, to mark today's fortieth anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

The Mayor of Warsaw, Mr Mieczyslav Szostok, proved an exception among the Eastern bloc guests by not joining in criticism of the US Star Wars project, or welcoming Soviet efforts for peace. He said it was not the time to distribute guilt, but the time to use every chance to save the world from destruction: "Let us save the peace before it is too late," he said.

Also present were the Mayor of Coventry, Mr William McKernan and Mr Juri Starowatych, of the city council of Volgagrad (Stalingrad), as well as representatives from Lidice, Oradour, Dresden, Cologne and Rotterdam.

Mr Brandt said that, despite the present poor relations between Washington and Moscow, his party would strive to achieve a new phase of detente in the second half of the 1980s. "We smaller nations have the duty to urge the two powerful blocs to contain their might, and secure world peace," he said.

In a reference to the muddle about President Reagan's recent state visit, and attempts by government leaders to gloss over Germany's Nazi past, Mr Brandt said: "Nazism meant horror on an unprecedented scale. It was wrought by Germans, and not just in the name of Germans. Those who do not want to see the truth should keep quiet."

In West Berlin, the leader of the Jewish community, Mr Heinz Galinski, warned against a rising tide of anti-Semitism.

East Germany yesterday began elaborate anniversary celebrations with a state ceremony in the Palace of the Republic in East Berlin. The ceremonies were boycotted by Britain, the United States, and France, who said they feared that their attendance could be used for anti-Western propaganda.

Musical director sacked

From our Correspondent in Bonn

BONN City Council yesterday dismissed the musical director of the concert hall and opera house after he had attacked the capital's cultural standards as "too provincial" and slapped the director of the opera house.

Mr Gustav Kuhn, who is an Austrian, was involved in a long-running artistic feud with the Swiss-born director of the opera house, Mr Jean-Claude Riber, whom he physically attacked at a meeting of Bonn's Cultural Committee two weeks ago.

In an interview with a news magazine he accused Mr Riber of "paying good singers big money to appear in front of scenery that belongs to a flea-pit."

"When these singers have churned out their arias the public roars, bawls, and goes wild, and the director thinks in all seriousness that he has given them culture," Mr Kuhn said.

Even though 70 per cent of the artistic budget of £11 million a year is paid by the Government, the capital was "still too provincial" when it came to cultural matters, he said.

Danes lay claim to Rockall

From Simon Tisdall in Copenhagen

The Government yesterday declared that Rockall, Britain's possession in the North Atlantic is not an island but, in the words of the Foreign Minister, a "cliff", with few if any rights.

A terse statement issued yesterday by the Prime Minister's office in Copenhagen formally laid claim to the continental shelf area, which inclues the Faroe, islands and Rockall. The area is described by the Danes as a micro-continent, although they accept that it is for the most part submerged.

No exploration or exploitation of the area's natural resources may be attempted without a Danish Government licence, the statement noted firmly.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, denied yesteray that the declaration constituted an international incident, or even an unfriendly act. "This is not a conflict, it is a disagreement. The Danish high seas fleet is not going there," he said.

Speaking a day after the anniversary of Denmark's liberation by British troops, Mr Ellemann-Jensen confirmed, almost in the terminology of a military communique, that the search for an agreement was the subject of "continuous contacts" between the countries involved, and that Denmark was ready to negotiate, almost anywhere, to achieve a just and lasting solution.

Although the Faroes are indisputably Danish, Rockall, to the south-west, is British, albeit uninhabited and, by reputation, unremarkable. Britain established a claim to areas of the micro-continent, otherwise known as the Faroe-Rockall plateau, in the 1970s, and has also said that Rockall is entitled to its own 200-mile fisheries zone.

Denmark, in turn, while recognising British sovereignty, maintains that Rockall is not an island, at least in terms of international law. All that Britain should have, in fairness, is a 12-mile territorial sea, Copenhagen says.

According to the Danes, their position is justified by the new United Nations convention on the law of the sea. To make things more complicated, Iceland also has claims in the area.

Poles accuse US of 'unfriendly' acts

By Hella Pick

The Polish Government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, yesterday accused the US Administration of "unfriendly steps which serve to worsen the already bad relations between our countries."

But he signalled a desire to end the diplomatic war, with Washington, and three times during a press conference, emphasised the Government's hope for an improvement in its relationship with the United States.

Mr Urban was speaking soon after the announcement that it would no longer allow special US courier flights to Poland which have been allowed since 1957 to bring in foods and

STUDENTS and teachers from the University of Lausanne yesterday demanded the release of a Swiss teacher who has been held in a Warsaw gaol since April 13 for bringing banned literature into Poland.—Reuter.

mail for US embassy staff.

In recent years, this facility was used only about six times a year and was becoming increasingly superfluous, especially after the recent resumption of regular commercial flights to Poland by PanAmerican.

The decision to cancel the special courier flights was designed as a protest after the US Administration ordered the expulsion of four Polish diplomats from the United States.

The US move followed Poland's expulsion of two US diplomats who were accused of participating in an anti-government May Day celebration in Gdansk.

When the Government ordered their expulsion, the US State Department immediately announced that the four Polish diplomats had to leave the US within a week.

Although Warsaw may have contemplated matching this by expelling two more US diplomats, it has, for the time being at least, decided to abandon the matching numbers game, and opted for the cancellation of the courier flight. Western diplomats in the Polish capital interpret this as the least punitive sanction that could be taken.

The present series of diplomatic skirmishes began in February, when the Poles detained the US military attache, Colonel Frederick Myer, accused him of taking pictures in a restricted area, and ordered his expulsion.

The Polish authorities have accompanied their moves against the US with a series of allegations that the Administration continued to interfere in Poland's internal affairs, using economic sanctions and propaganda to destabilise the political situation in Poland.

Despite much recrimination, Poland and the US signed an air agreement two weeks ago, which has made it possible for commercial flights to resume for the first time since the declaration of martial law in December, 1981. Earlier, the US announced it would lift its veto on Poland's application for membership of the IMF, which is now expected to be granted at the annual meeting of the IMF in September.

W. L. Webb adds from Warsaw: Nearly 600 people were arrested after Solidarity demonstrations last week, Mr Urban added yesterday. His statement showed that demonstrations had occurred in most of the larger Polish towns.

Those arrested were mostly detained for periods varying from half-an-hour to 48 hours, 115 were released without charge, and 476 were being brought before local courts.

Greeks all set for elections

ATHENS: Parliament was dissolved yesterday, paving the way for election on June 2, after deputies gave a second vote of approval to controversial constitutional changes proposed by the ruling Socialists.

"It is now up to the people to decide. Good luck in your campaigns," the Parliamentary Speaker Mr Ioannis Alevras told members.

The dissolution order was signed by President Christos Sartzetakis, whose appointment brought about the constitutional crisis.

Earlier, 182 Socialists, Communists, and Independents voted in favour of changes to trim the discretionary powers of the president in appointing a prime minister, dissolving parliament and pardoning criminals.

The constitutional amendments, which cannot be ratified until a new parliamentary vote after the elections, were opposed by 113 deputies, mainly opposition conservatives.

The former president, Mr Constantine Karamanlis, resigned in March in protest against the Government's proposals to curtail the head of state's powers.

A veteran Socialist deputy, Mr Fives Koutsikas, who is gravely ill, left his sick-bed just long enough to cast his vote in Parliament, where the Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, embraced him as deputies cheered.

Both Mr Papandreou and the conservative leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, head of the New Democracy Party, have already been touring the country addressing mass rallies attended by hundreds of thousands of people. Commentators expect a close race.—Reuter.

Murdoch finds becoming an American presents a problem

From Richard Yallop in Melbourne

Speculation continued yesterday on whether Mr Rupert Murdoch will surrender the jewel of his Australian media empire, the Sydney and Melbourne television stations, to secure the crown of six American television stations.

It was announced at the weekend that Mr Murdoch would have to become a US citizen to bid for the Metromedia television stations, but under regulations set by the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal he has to be an Australian citizen to control Australian television stations.

Mr Murdoch faces the prospect of having to divest himself of his two lucrative stations in Sydney and Melbourne, if he is to continue with his bid for control of the US stations.

The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal yesterday issued a statement saying that it would make no comment until Mr Murdoch declared his intention to give up his Australian citizenship.

It has been suggested that he may restructure his company, News Ltd, or sell the Melbourne and Sydney stations to his mother to enable him to retain his interest.

Mr Murdoch owns a number of Australian magazines and newspapers, including the country's only national daily, the Australian, which contained no news yesterday of its proprietor's bid for the US stations and the potential conflict of interest with his Australian stations.



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Zimbabwe discusses election powers

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

Parliament resumed yesterday to renew the Government's emergency powers which, the Home Affairs Minister, Mr Simbi Mubako, said, are needed to maintain law and order during elections expected next month.

Mr Mubako told Parliament that the draconian powers are needed to combat violent interferences planned for the campaign period by Zimbabwe's anti-government dissidents.

Mr Mubako alleged that the Opposition party of Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (Zapu), had sponsored the dissident violence which had been aimed against the Government and members of the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu). Mr Mubako also said that the emergency powers are needed to oppose South Africa's destabilisation of Zimbabwe by the apartheid regime's support of the dissidents.

Mr Mubako listed many dissident attrocities that have occurred since January this year, including 29 murders, 26 rapes and 139 armed robberies of $30,000. He said the Zimbabwe army has had 61 contacts with bands of dissidents and 432 sightings of the roving renegades have been reported.

Although passage of the emergency powers is assured by the ruling Zanu party's 57-seat majority of the 100-seat house, debate over the controversial measure was expected to continue later last night, and a vote to be taken late today.

The former Rhodesian Prime Minister Mr Ian Smith, now the leader of a white opposition party, was the first to speak about the emergency powers, which include the power to detain people indefinitely without trial.

Mr Smith criticised the Mugabe Government's use of the emergency powers, which was ironic, considering that Mr Smith's Rhodesian Front Government first instituted the powers in 1965 to suppress black nationalism.

Mr Smith said the Mugabe Government was "making the classic mistake of using military powers to try to solve a political problem."

SA cuts local powers

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, has told Parliament that provincial councils will be phased out between April and June, 1986.

The four provincial councils were originally established in 1910 to guarantee a decree of automony for the four colonies which joined together to form the then Union of South Africa. Their most important powers are control of white education, hospitals, and roads.

Under the plan outlined by Mr Heunis, these powers will be split, in accordance with the new triracial constitution, into "own affairs" and "general affairs." Racially identifiable "own affairs" will be transferred to the white, Coloured, and Indian ministers' councils formed by the majority parties in the tricameral Parliament.

Common or "general affairs" will, however, be the responsibility of a triracial executive committee and an administrator appointed by the State President from "serving politicians."

The changes have been designed to facilitate devolution of power by making each race responsible for its own communal affairs. But, according to opposition spokesmen, by bringing them under the control of Parliament and the President, they will increase the authority of the central Government at the expense of the province.

More than 23 die in longest bout of shelling for a year

Gemayel told to quit after latest Beirut fighting

Beirut: Lebanon's main coalition of Christian political leaders yesterday called for an end to sectarian fighting after overnight shelling killed at least 23 people in Beirut.

But one well-known Christian, the former president, Mr Suleman Franjieh, who is closely allied with Syria, called for the resignation of President Amin Gemayel, also a Christian.

The 15-hour duel across the Green Line battlefront, in which at least another 70 people were wounded, was the longest bout of shelling between mainly-Muslim west and Christian east Beirut in more than a year.

Police said at least five blocks of flats were gutted by uncontrolled fires. Shooting prevented fire brigades from moving in to put out the fires.

Mr Franjieh said at a press conference in north Lebanon that Mr Gemayel was either in collusion with militant leaders of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, which is opposed to reconciliation with Muslims, or was afraid to confront them. "In either case, he is not worthy of being President," Mr Franjieh said.

A TOTAL of 21 Israeli soldiers have committed suicide in Lebanon since the 1982 invasion and the stress of military duty in the volatile south was partly responsible, the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin said in parliament yesterday—Reuter.

In east Beirut, a former cabinet minister Mr Charles Malek said after a meeting of the Christian Lebanese Front coalition that it wanted to save Lebanon from an alarming crisis.

Calling the past nine days of fighting in Beirut part of a conspiracy against the Lebanese people, especially the Christians, Mr Malek said the Front would try to halt all the fighting in Lebanon.

It was seeking with all means at its disposal to halt the killing, destruction, and displacement of people, he said.

The Front is dominated by the Phalangist and National Liberal parties which were moving to support Syrian plans for Muslim-Christian reconciliation before a revolt last month in the Lebanese Forces Christian militia.

The militia called last week for a national dialogue to end sectarian strife, although its new leader Samir Geagea, has vowed to use force to avenge recent Christian setbacks in southern Lebanon.

In Damascus, the government-run Tishrin newspaper linked the Beirut fighting to US Secretary of State George Shultz's planned Middle East tour, aimed at seeking steps that would lead to peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

"The rebel clique under Samir Geagea has blown up the security situation in Lebanon in an attempt to preoccupy the Lebanese national forces and divert Syria's attention" during Mr Shultz's visit, expected this month, the newspaper said.

Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, has rejected any Arab compromise with Israel. However, Muslim sources in Beirut say the fighting is an attempt by Syrian-backed militia to oust Dr Geagea from the leadership of the Christian militia.

Residents said hundreds of people had fled Beirut because of the fighting, many of them Shi'ite Muslims heading for safety in southern and eastern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Israel has imposed restrictions on residents of south Lebanon to safeguard against attacks on its troops stationed in the buffer zone along the Israel-Lebanon border, military sources in Tel Aviv said yesterday.

Israel's liaison unit in south Lebanon issued notices in Arabic prohibiting hunting in the area and the unlicensed possession of weapons. The Israelis have also decreed that each car travelling in the security zone must carry at least two people, and at night local residents must travel in a convoy of at least two cars, the sources said.

In Rome, the Pope has discussed the situation with Lebanon's Maronite patriarch but the Vatican has no political initiative ready to achieve peace there.

In Paris the External Relations ministers said France was preoccupied by Lebanon's economic problems and was involved in intense behind-the-scenes diplomatic activity. A spokesman said the minister, Mr Roland Dumas, had spoken by telephone to President Gemayel but gave no details.

● Jordan appears willing to conduct direct negotiations on Middle East peace with Israel sometime in the foreseeable future, a senior Israeli official said yesterday. He said Israel would explore the possibilities of such talks with Mr Shultz who is expected in Israel on Friday. — Reuter/AP.

Lebanon's Christians are now on their own as never before

Beirut may now be seeing the last stage of the civil war. David Hirst reports

PERHAPS even more obviously than usual, no one really knows what started the latest round of Lebanese fighting.

Ten days ago, Beirut's so-called "traditional" fronts began to witness the kind of small scale, sporadic exchanges which have unusually fizzled out as quickly as they began. But for the first time since last July — and the application of a much-vaunted security plan in Greater Beirut — they steadily grew in scale and intensity.

Barricades went up. The six crossings between the Muslim and Christian halves of the city were closed down one by one.

With an inexorable but all too familiar logic, skirmishes confined to the largely deserted ruins of the city centre escalated into artillery duels which struck at random deep into residential areas on both sides of the Green Line, making Monday night, with its scores of civilians killed and injured, one of the bloodiest and most terrifying in 10 years of civil war.

Nor does anyone know what course the fighting will take: whether it will develop into an all out conflagration, whether it will be protracted or intermittent. But, insofar as it has any deeper meaning, there is perhaps more than usual conviction in predominantly Muslim West Beirut about what that meaning is. This, it is being widely said, surely has to be the last round of the civil war.

Whatever its specific causes, the general breakdown of the Beirut ceasefire is ultimately a product of the Israeli withdrawal from the south. Israel's interference in Lebanon's internal affairs has been chiefly marked by its championship of the Maronite Christians, or at least the Phalangist militants among them, its great ambition having been to bring the whole country so thoroughly under Phalangist control that a pro-Israeli president would be able to conclude a peace treaty with it, in defiance of the Arab world and Lebanon's own internal opposition.

Ever since that ambition came to nothing, the Israelis have been withdrawing, both politically and territorially, and, as this process enters its final stages, it is the Phalangists who are paying the price.

Two months ago, in a bid to stop the rot, Dr Samir Geagea and his Phalangist-dominated Lebanese Forces militia staged their "uprising" against President Gemayel, whom they saw as weak, mercurial, and subservient to the Syrians.

But within six weeks the new saviour of the Christian community and his followers had suffered two military defeats reminiscent of the rout that followed the Israelis' withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains in September, 1983.

In the Sidon area, at least, it was the Lebanese Forces' own excesses—six weeks of one-sided shelling of the city — and their precipitated withdrawal which brought calamity upon heads of the Christians they had come to "protect." Yet, no sooner had this happened, than, Dr Geagea, in a belligerent press conference, served notice that, henceforth, the Christians could rely only on their guns. Everything that had been taken by force would be recovered by force.

He denounced almost everyone — not just the Muslims and Druzes, but Mr Gemayel and the Syrians. It was almost as if Dr Geagea was seeking to reenact what had happened in the Shouf, Iklim al-Kharroub, and Sidon.

Only this time it was not some outlying outpost of Lebanese Christendom that would face the Druze-Muslim onslaught, it was their last redoubt, the Maronite heartlands north of Beirut, which Dr Geagea has clearly delineated as his own.

In the eyes of almost everyone else, this is a sure recipe for Christian suicide. The Maronites, they say, cannot indefinitely defy their Muslim and Arab environment. Traditionally, they have always relied on an external backer — Israel, the West, even the Syrians — to redress an intrinsic imbalance, but now, with the Israelis going, they are on their own as never before.

There are signs that not merely the Muslim opposition, but the Christian community itself, or growing segments of it, now holds that the diehard intransigence of its self-appointed saviours is the most dangerous enemy. A struggle is under way for the soul of the Christians.

The new refugees are openly cursing their leaders without exception. The Maronite community cannot but be bewildered by discord at the top. Influential voices are being raised against Dr Geagea and his men, not least those of the old-guard phalangist leadership, who sometimes speak a language not all that different from their Muslim adversaries.

The party chairman, Dr Eli Karame, called Dr Geagea's press conference "a declaration of war." And the Lebanese Forces keep chopping and changing.

If this is indeed the last round of the Lebanese civil war, its end will come, West Beirutis hope, when the Maronite Christian camp breaks under the strain, throwing up a new leadership capable of reconciliation with Lebanon's other communities, and opening the way for political reforms that alone can put this shattered country together again.



Muslim fighters take aim with a Russian-made grenade-launcher at a Christian Militia post in East Beirut

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stoppage starts to bite

A FIVE-DAY strike by civil servants hit ordinary Swedes yesterday as fruit and vegetable prices rose and returning holidaymakers were forced to make long coach journeys from other Nordic capitals.

Shopkeepers said that prices of fresh foodstuffs had risen substantially since the 265,000-strong civil servants' union TCO-S began selective strikes last Thursday in support of a pay claim, closing airports and virtually paralysing foreign trade.

"Prices of most fruit and vegetables have gone up and they're going to be more and more difficult to get hold of this week," a stallholder, Veli Ozbek, said yesterday at a Stockholm city-centre market. — Reuter.

Chinese plaudits

THE wife of Mr Hu Yaobang, the reforming Chinese Communist party chief who popularised the wearing of Western suits, yesterday admired a glittering display of top French fashions by Yves Saint Laurent. "I think at first she was startled, but then she enjoyed herself," the couturier said after Mrs Hu toured an exhibition of 25 years of Saint Laurent's creations in Peking. — Reuter.

Heart troubles

THE world's longest living artificial heart recipient, William Schroeder, was undergoing tests yesterday to determine if the brain haemorrhage which caused him to be readmitted to a Louisville hospital had stopped, his doctors said. Mr Schroeder, a retired munitions plant worker, became the second artificial heart patient 164 days ago.—Reuter.

Panama march

ABOUT 6,000 Panamanians marched through the streets of the capital on Monday, accusing the Government of corruption and charging that the military was running the country. Outside the American embassy, the demonstrators protested against what they said was US suppport for "the fraudulent military regime."—Reuter.



Unity call

A SENIOR Libyan official, Major Abdel-Salam Jalloud (above), who is visiting Khartoum, yesterday called for unity between Sudan and Libya. Major Jalloud, who is leading a 10-man delegation to Sudan, said that Egypt should also be involved. — Reuter.

Sailor held

A BRITISH sailor, Robert Heaton, accused of starting a fire on a freighter which killed three people will soon face charges of arson and probably manslaughter, court officials said yesterday in Taipei. Penalties for arson and manslaughter in Taiwan range from seven years to life imprisonment. — Reuter.

Mengele reward

ISRAEL is offering $1 million reward for information leading to the capture of Nazi death camp doctor, Josef Mengele, a Justice Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. Mengele is accused of participating in the murder of 400,000 Jews during the Second World War. — Reuter.

For the record

THE recently released mercenary leader, Colonel Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare, said yesterday in South Africa that most of what had been written about a 1981 coup attempt in the Seychelles was rubbish. He was writing a book to set the record straight.—Reuter.

Moscow visit

THE Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, will pay a five-day visit to the Soviet Union on May 21. Mr Gandhi and the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, are expected to discuss a wide range of bilateral and international issues. — AP.

Asylum sought

A SOVIET professor, Mr Yuri Nagzodsky, has applied for political asylum in Sweden after defecting from the Soviet Union via Finland, police said yesterday in Stockholm. — Reuter.

Parties agree date for Seoul assembly

Seoul: After a month of negotiation, South Korea's two main political parties agreed yesterday to convene a new national assembly on May 13.

National elections were held on February 12. The two opposing parties, however, had failed to agree on calling the new assembly into session.

The main stumbling block was an opposition demand that civil rights be fully restored to a dissident leader, Kim Dae Jung, and that all "prisoners of conscience" be freed before the new assembly convened.

The floor leaders of the ruling Democratic Justice Party of President Chun and the opposition New Korea Democratic Party had held talks for more than a month, and finally reached a compromise by bypassing the crucial issue.

Instead, they said in a joint statement that they had agreed that the ruling and opposition parties "pledge to make joint efforts for the settlement" of all pending issues raised at the series of meetings, including "amnesty, reinstatement and all other pending political problems."

In Pyongyang, North Korea, the Chinese Communist Party chief, Mr Hu Yaobang, had nine hours of talks with Mr Kim Il-Sung during an unannounced visit over the weekend, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

It said that Mr Hu, making his third trip to North Korea in four years, discussed bilateral relations and ways to relax tensions on the Korean peninsula, during his visit from May 4 to 6.

The two leaders shared identical views on all issues discussed, the agency said, but gave no details.

Those attending the talks included Kim Jong-Il, the son and heir apparent of Kim Il Sung, the Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister, Zhu Qizhen, and Xu Xin, deputy chief of the general staff of the Chinese armed forces. — AP/Reuter.

Asians on patrol in Kabul

ISLAMABAD: Troops from Soviet Central Asia, long considered unreliable for use in Afghanistan because of their Muslim background, have reappeared in patrols in Kabul as part of a heightened security drive, western diplomatic sources said here yesterday, quoting reports from the capital.

At the start of the Soviet occupation, up to 40 per cent of Moscow's troops in Afghanistan were originally Turkomans, Uzbeks, and Tajiks from Soviet Central Asia who are ethnic cousins of the people in northern Afghanistan.

Moscow later reduced their number as the Central Asian soldiers fraternised with Afghans, whose languages, religion, and cultural heritage they shared.

Thai planes sent to attack Vietnamese

Chanthaburi: Thailand sent warplanes against Vietamese troops inside Thai territory yesterday as marines advanced to push the intruders back across the Kampuchean border, a Thai military commander said.

Vice-Admiral Prasert Nolkhamsiri said at his headquarters here, 40 miles from the border, that 900 to 1,200 Vietnamese soldiers were dug in along a four-mile stretch of mountainous countryside 500 to 1,500 yards inside Thailand. He said that the Vietnamese entered Thailand in late April in pursuit of about 1,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Admiral Prasert said that the drive to push back the intruders began last Saturday but Thai forces had to advance very slowly: "It's very tedious because every step of the way has been heavily mined by the Vietnamese."

He refused to say how many Thai troops were involved in the operation or the number of aircraft supporting them.

So far one Thai soldier and eight Vietnamese had been killed and 14 Thais wounded.

Admiral Prasert said the Vietnamese troops inside Thailand were supported by cross-border artillery and mortar fire.

The Khmer Rouge is one of had broken up into small groups, infiltrated back into Kampuchea and were now trying to get in position to hit the Vietnamese from the rear, he said.

The Khmer Rouge is one of three groups in a coalition recognised by the United Nations fighting the Heng Samrin government installed in Phnom Penh by Hanoi.

The Admiral said that latest Vietnamese intrusion was likely to be the last before the imminent start of the rainy season, which would severely hamper troop movements.

Hanoi's forces began a dry-season offensive against the guerrillas last November, capturing or overrunning all their main border bases. — Reuter.

Two die in new Punjab violence

NEW DELHI: Sikhs killed two Hindus, including the son of a local leader of Mr Gandhi's party, on Monday night, adding new tension to the Punjab.

Paramilitary reinforcements were rushed to the scene of the killings, in the Hindu-majority northern Punjab town of Dhariwal, which was placed under 24-hour curfew.

Police said that reinforcements were called in after Hindus started attacking Sikh shops and pedestrians in retaliation for the murders.

They said that six men shot dead Ramesh Kumar, the son of Ram Ladhya, the head of the Dahriwal section of the Congress (I) Party, at his farm.

A spate of attacks in the past week has coincided with efforts by Mr Gandhi to get peace talks started and a split between moderate and militant Sikh political leaders.

In a sign of growing impatience at the stalemate in Punjab, Mr Gandhi has said that the Government is prepared to take any action necessary to restore peace.

"Some people are feeling that we have become too soft and meek on Punjab. But the way of love does not mean weakness," he told a meeting of Congress (I) members in New Delhi.

His peace efforts have been hampered by a power struggle for control of the Sikh's main political party, the Akali Dal.

The split, between the moderates led by the party president, Harchand Singh Longowal, and the militants, headed by the father of the dead extremist leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, has left the Government wondering whom to negotiate with.

Sources said there was growing concern that time was running out for a clear-cut settlement. They noted that the anniversary was approaching of the army's assault on Amritsar's Golden Temple on June 3 last year.—Reuter.

Britons still held

Lagos: A High Court judge here yesterday rejected a request for the release of two detained British engineers accused of stealing an executive jet.

Kenneth Clark and Angus Patterson, employed by the British firm, Bristow Helicopters in Nigeria, have been held for nearly a year. They are accused of helping a British pilot fly the plane from Lagos airport in May last year while private flights were banned.

Clark and Patterson, who were not in court yesterday, were discharged in March when the federal attorney-general dropped the case. They were rearrested as they left the court and charged again.

The defence argued that it was unconstitutional to try the two men again on a similar charge. Clark and Patterson are next due in court on Monday.

A British diplomat, Mr Ian Kydd, saw the tewo men last week. They were coping with difficult circumstances in prison.—Reuter.



Put in the picture: A Japanese photographer, Toshiyuki Matsumoto, identifies photographs he took moments before the murder of the Philippines' Opposition leader, Benigno Aquino. He was giving evidence at the trial for murder of the armed forces chief, Fabian Ver, and 25 others

Nuclear arms issue stalls US warship visits to China

From James Gerstenzang in Peking

China has been refusing for more than two months to give permission for US navy ships to begin visiting Chinese ports, and a US Administration official confirmed in Washington that the delay has been caused by an argument about whether the ships will be carrying nuclear weapons.

American diplomats here have been saying only that the agreement has been delayed by technical difficulties, but the official in Washington said: "It is hung up on that (nuclear weapons) issue."

He said that the US had reached no agreement with the Chinese "on what kind of weapons would be aboard any American ships that would stop in Shanghai. We didn't make any kind of commitment."

The controversy, which could develop into a serious setback for Sino-American relations, is reminiscent of the dispute earlier this year with New Zealand over the American policy of refusing to say whether navy ships carry nuclear weapons.

It is possible that the two sides will soon agree on the first visit, which US officials have hoped to arrange for later this month. But the proposed port call, which was earlier viewed as a public display of co-operation between US and Chinese military officials, has instead become a source of friction and controversy.

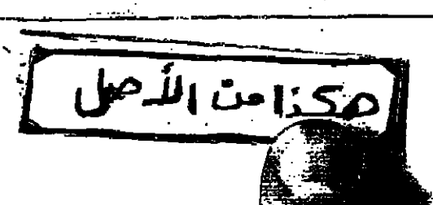
The Administration source in Washington said that, in discussions with the Chinese, the US has insisted on holding to its standard policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons on its ships. "That doesn't seem to be enough for the Chinese," he said.

A Pentagon official said that State Department officials were trying to resolve the difficulty, and that the navy was awaiting orders.

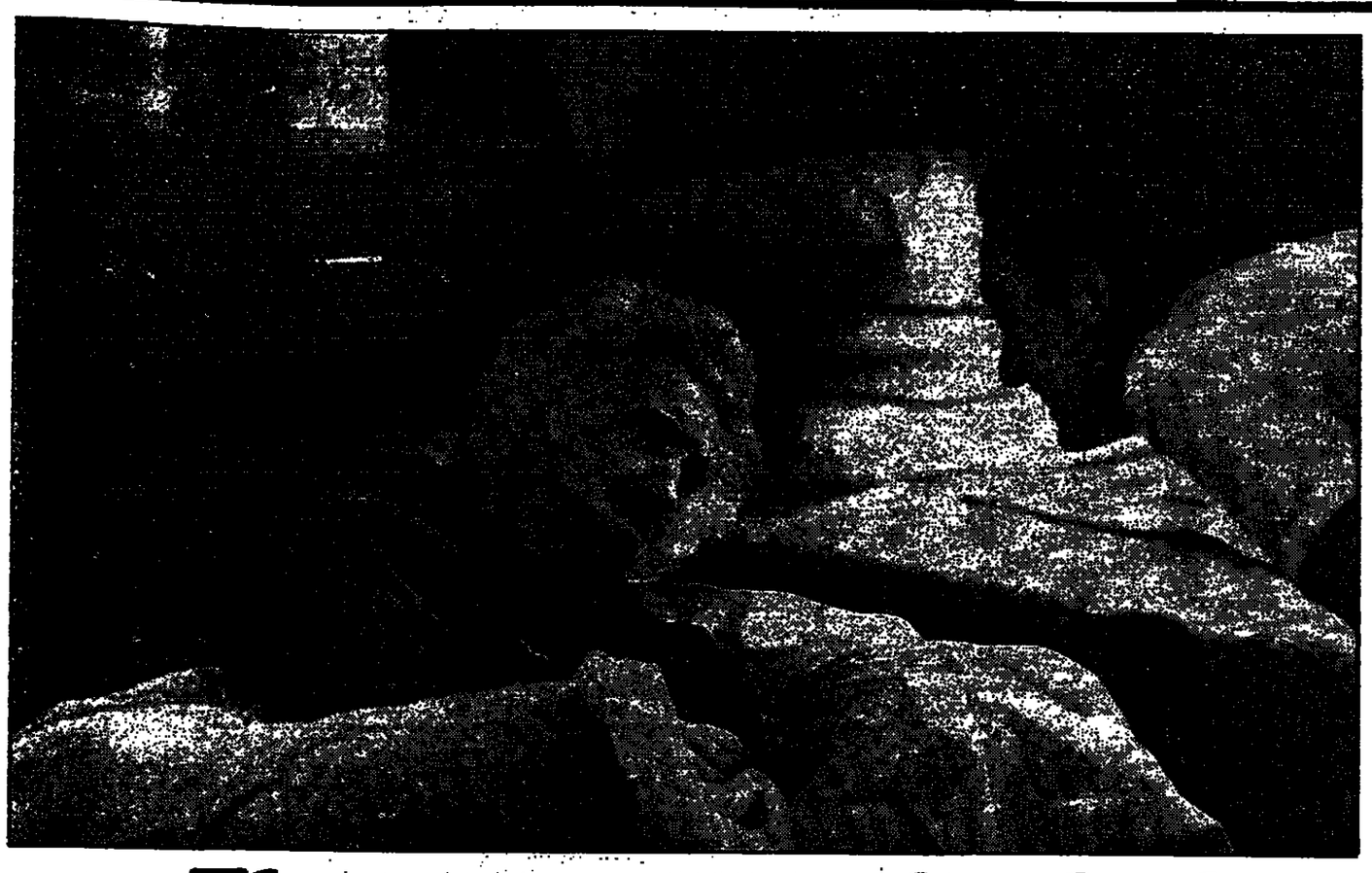
Another Administration official said: "We'll know in a short time whether the visit will take place soon." US and Chinese officials were trying to find language dealing with the nuclear weapons question that "everyone can live with."

At the same time, he said, if the port call depended on the US shifting its policy on refusing to disclose the presence of nuclear weapons the visit would not take place.

Some analysts in Peking believe that China's reluctance to approve the port call is the result of internal conflict within the regime or within the army over how closely China should publicly align itself with the US. China has repeatedly sought to stress that it maintains an independent foreign policy and is not closely tied to either of the superpowers. — Los Angeles Times.



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'Statistics show that the growth in the numbers of retired people has virtually doubled'

Pictures by Don McPhee



The grey areas in the housing blueprint

As Britons learn to live longer, private residential care for elderly people looks like a boom business. But no one seems to know whether it offers what they want or need. In the first of three articles, David Hencke examines the state of a market that is rather more complicated than some would like to believe

HOMING INSTINCTS

IT IS now quite clear that Britain is in its fourth year of an unprecedented expansion of residential homes and private sheltered houses for elderly people. Yet it is also clear that this boom is happening without any analysis of what they might need or want and without any overall direction from the Government.

The Department of Health has decided to stand aside from initiating any policy beyond encouraging the private and voluntary sector to expand residential care. It has since moved to try to regulate this expansion — four years after it started — by introducing the Registered Homes Act to lay down standards in the burgeoning private sector.

The business sector meanwhile sees the elderly as a pot of gold right for launching on the stock market or as a lucrative small business for a caring entrepreneur who has capital to spare.

Just before the Budget a rash of schemes offering sheltered housing aimed at the 60 to 75 age group were floated very successfully under the Government's Business Expansion Scheme. One company, Roman Homes plc, told its investors that it was offering a "low risk" investment. They were asked to subscribe £1 million to buy a 125-year-old lease in Llandudno, North Wales, to build some 60 apartments with communal facilities and wardens. The units would be sold at £26,000 each and the company would plough back the money to expand over the whole of the North West.

People putting up the money — a minimum of £1,000 — could receive tax relief of up to 60 per cent a year for five years on their investment. They then had the right to sell their shares at an expected profit.

In other parts of the country — notably favoured spots in the West Country and East Anglia — small entrepreneurs were queuing up to buy old rectories or large Victorian piles to convert into residential and nursing homes. They again expected to provide a much-needed service at a good profit.

Yet both groups of people might baulk at their investments if they examined closely the market they are trying to develop. At present, only a small proportion — probably not much higher than 5 per cent of elderly people — rely on residential care and not every old person is immediately looking for sheltered housing with minimal services.

Current statistics show that the growth in the numbers of retired people — up from three million in 1911 to 9.7 million in 1981 — has virtually peaked. There will be only a small further increase to 10.3 million by 1991 and an actual fall to 10.1 million by the year 2001.

The numbers of very active elderly people — the 60 to 75 age group — will fall from 6.5 million to 6 million over the same period. Yet in some prospectuses firms still state that they expect an increase.

It is this group that both the sheltered housing and the residential home market are interested in helping. They are also the most "profitable" to look after because they need least services. But the big growth in numbers is in the least mobile and more handicapped group, the over 75s and 85s.

The over 85s will nearly double to one million by the year 2001. Yet these are precisely the most expensive to look after and therefore the least profitable for private investment.

The private sheltered housing market also places great emphasis on encouraging the elderly home owner to buy into its new properties. These people are described in prospectuses as "unencumbered by mortgages" and well able to afford it. Yet again the statistics show that there are fewer elderly owner occupiers — some 48 per cent of all elderly people — than in the general population and a greater number of council tenants — some 36 per cent compared with 33 per cent.

So far it is quite clear that it is the social security system that has helped fuel this boom in private care. Without supplementary benefit payments there is no question that many elderly people would not be able to get private home places. The statistics show that spending on social security for private residential care jumped from £10 million in 1979 to £102 million in 1983. It is expected to have been even higher last year.

Private home owners have been helped by Mr Tony Newton, the Social Security Minister, with a particularly generous payment system. Until April 29, charges were set by local social security offices who drew up their average charge by consulting local home owners. Thus in some areas fees would be as low as £90 a week, in others as high as £215, or right up to £285 a week for all residents in nursing homes in Leytonstone, East London.

Now all this has changed. For new residents a national limit of £110 a week plus £28.60 a week allowance has been set. Homes charging more than this can continue to do so for existing residents, but in most areas there will be a cut in income for new residents, which cannot be reviewed until April, 1986.

At the same time the new Registered Homes Act will mean tougher standards, annual inspections and registration fees and an insistence on good staffing levels. All these will put the costs up for a private home owner just as the income from residents is set to fall.

The effect — since potential owners now need an estimated £150,000 to start a new home — is a reduction of interest from the small entrepreneur. And this is why sheltered housing or combinations of sheltered housing and residential care are becoming more of an interest of the big corporations.

McCarthy and Stone, who are rapidly building up a multi-million pound interest in this business, have plans for a £6 million development in Bexhill on Sea. BUPA are planning to open their first nursing home in Milton Keynes; this will not be available under BUPA insurance, but they hope to encourage BUPA subscribers who can afford the weekly fees to move in. Other private hospitals are also linking nursing homes to their hospital developments.

While all this development is proceeding apace in the private sector, the social services and local authority sheltered housing programmes are static. Department of Environment housing cuts have slowed down the pace of local authority sheltered housing, while a 40 per cent cut in capital programmes for social services departments has cut back the development of old people's homes.

The Department of Health has claimed that part of the reason for the cut-back was that some social services departments were not spending the available money. Indeed some authorities, notably Croydon and Wandsworth in London, are selling some of their old people's homes because they say there is not enough demand for them.

Both Tory Wandsworth and Labour-controlled Sheffield believe that the latest developments should be resource centres that enable more elderly people to live in the community but have access to facilities near their own home. Only the very elderly, they argue, should be housed in residential homes. This philosophy is in complete contradiction to that of the private sector which is in fact encouraging younger people — including those in their late 50s — to buy sheltered accommodation.

Faced with such contradictory developments it is difficult to envisage what the future for elderly people will be like. As they become progressively disabled, they could find much of the sheltered housing unsuitable for their needs. But underfunded social services departments could be unable to cope either. The private sector could, however, adapt further and look after them, possibly through changes in the social security system.

Here, one would think, would be a major role for a Government But this Government appears to have decided that it is a role they do not want to undertake.

Next week: The regulation of private homes and the results of the first research into how well these operate.



BODY AND SOUL

A jab in the back

Alfred Russel Wallace on vaccination. Formerly a keen supporter, he was converted into an antagonist by a study of the epidemiological evidence, which horrified him.

A century ago this year his pamphlet, the first well documented criticism of the compulsory vaccination policy, was published: Forty-five Years of Registration Statistics, Proving Vaccination to be Both Useless and Dangerous. Five years later, he presented the statistical evidence in greater detail to the Royal Commission on Vaccination. Although he was challenged, the grounds for the criticism he was able to show were fallacious. But medical opinion was overwhelmingly against him. His testimony was ignored.

A quarter of a century later, a quirky investigator with a Shavian cast of mind, Elliot FitzGibbon, decided to check the figures, and found that the evidence against mass vaccination was even more damning than Wallace had realised. Epidemiologically-speaking, it was almost as if the incidence of smallpox in Britain had been directly related to the extent to which the compulsory vaccination policy had been implemented.

At the height of the interferon boom four years ago its discoverer, Professor Jean Lindenmann, warned cancer specialists (very sensibly, as things have turned out) not to allow themselves to be conned into false expectations about the drug until it had been properly evaluated. He cited the case of diphtheria anti-toxin whose miraculous properties were eventually found to be derived less from its value in practice than from manipulation of the statistical data.

The elimination of diphtheria is still often credited to the anti-toxin — as, by implication, it has been in the recent outpourings of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry in its campaign against Norman Fowler. Yet according to Lindenmann, "We cannot say with confidence that the diphtheria anti-toxin treatment used in the first half of this century saved a single life."

The same is true of the TB vaccine, "BCG." Launched with inadequately-controlled trials, it has continued to be used in some parts of the world in spite of mounting evidence against it, culminating in a carefully conceived mass trial in India whose results, published in 1979, revealed that the protection it gave was "zero."

Brian Inglis

IF YOU were asked to nominate the medical speciality which you think has done the most good over the past half century or so, few of you, I suspect, would concur with my selection: epidemiology.

Not just in the past half century: the classical example of epidemiology at work is John Snow's reaction to his discovery that a high proportion of cholera victims in London during the 1854 plague were concentrated in and around Broad Street, Soho (where the pub named after him stands). On his advice, the handle of the pump there was removed; and the results demonstrated that cholera was water-borne, not the result of "miasmas."

The most dramatic epidemiological discovery of recent times has been the discovery of the relationship of diet, smoking and other components of our life style to disease. Here, admittedly, the interpretation of the statistical evidence has proved tricky because of hidden variables — in particular, personality, stress, and other human factors which do not lend themselves easily to quantification.

But epidemiology's chief value has lain in the way in which, often unhonoured and unsung, it has protected us from exploitation by insisting that clinical fashions and commercial gimmicks should be subjected to effective scrutiny, and to proper statistical evaluation.

How much would we have been spared, if this had been realised sooner! I have been reminded of this by reading

Relax and keep taking the yoga

Yoga really does reach the vital parts. Robin Monro reports on the research that's beginning to prove it

SEVERAL hundred thousand men and women in the United Kingdom practise yoga, mostly adaptations of hatha yoga: simple postural, breathing and relaxation exercises. There are numerous anecdotal reports of the health benefits, most notably, relief from anxiety, alleviation of chronic pain, and prevention, management and cure of stress related diseases. Moreover yoga, with its base in self-help and group participation, is attractively inexpensive and within most people's means. But even so, it is only beginning to receive the recognition it deserves as an important contribution to health.

There has been research in India and elsewhere on yoga therapy for high blood pressure, heart disorders and asthma. In this country, Dr Chandra Patel, a general practitioner, has carried out controlled trials on yoga relaxation for high blood pressure. The results fully substantiate anecdotal reports that yoga can help the control of high blood pressure and reduce dependence on medicines. Many doctors now consider yoga relaxation as an alternative or "complementary" therapy for these patients.

But there has been little or no research into yoga therapy for most other conditions. There is a severe lack of funding for research: the money spent on yoga therapy research in this country is less than one ten thousandth of that spent on conventional medical research.

Three years ago I developed a questionnaire on health benefits of yoga. By early 1984, some 3,000 yoga practitioners had answered it. The results are striking: over 80 per cent of those with the following conditions claimed help from yoga: back disorders, asthma or bronchitis, high blood pressure, heart disorders, duodenal ulcers, diseases of the nervous or muscular system (including multiple sclerosis), cancer, diabetes, rheumatism or arthritis, menopausal disorders, insomnia, excessive anxiety and alcoholism.

Between 65 per cent and 80 per cent of the respondents claimed help with haemorrhoids, premenstrual tension, other menstrual disorders, obesity, migrane and smoking. Over 35 per cent of those to whom the questions were applicable reported increased energy levels and working capacity, with correspondingly less time off work, fewer consultations with doctors and decreased consumption of medicines.

Now we are obtaining further information using specialised follow-up questionnaires. The respondents with cancer reported that yoga had helped with rehabilitation from operations, reduction of stress and reorientation of their attitudes to life. Other follow-ups show that the effects are not only at a psychological level: a number of diabetics, for instance, reported reduced insulin-dependence. Both asthma and migraine sufferers reported reduced consumption of strong medicines.

A follow-up of the smokers is helping to identify which types of smoker can be helped most to stop smoking through yoga, and which kinds of yoga are most effective for them. We are planning follow up surveys on arthritis and rheumatism, menstrual disorders and reduction in use of tranquillisers, pills and pain killers.

Other projects are growing out of our surveys. The Cancer Research Campaign supported a one-year, preliminary trial of yoga for stopping smoking at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, which was completed in 1984 and confirmed that smoking rates tend to go down in smokers who start practising yoga. We hope to set up a larger controlled trial to investigate this further. A pilot study is currently being carried out at the Rosie Maternity Hospital in Cambridge on yoga for stopping smoking during pregnancy — an important development, given the strong evidence that smoking in pregnancy results in low birthweight, growing evidence that it substantially increases risks of miscarriage and infant death at or around birth, and the numerous reports suggesting that yoga, when suitably adapted, is beneficial in pregnancy and childbirth.



Yoga: attractively inexpensive

We have also carried out a pilot study of yoga for cancer patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Over the course of several months, a yoga therapist held classes twice a week for ten patients, reported the same kinds of benefit as in the survey and in addition were helped in coping with chemotherapy and in reducing consumption of tranquillisers and sleeping pills.

Dr Lynn Fitzgerald, a research scientist at St George's Hospital Medical School and an experienced yoga teacher, joined me early in 1984. Her article on our follow up survey on diabetics in the British Diabetic Association's magazine led to more than 200 diabetics writing for help in starting yoga. Many blind and partially sighted diabetics requested a cassette for home use; so Dr Fitzgerald prepared a relaxation cassette. The progress of diabetics attending yoga classes and/or using the cassette is now being monitored by questionnaire.

Robin Monro is director of the Yoga Biomedical Trust, which is at PO Box 140, Cambridge CB2 2BN (SAE for information).

Independent scrutiny of new drugs is required before they are offered to the general public. Why can't everyone have the same service? asks Michael Rawlins

If patients deserve protection from drugs, then so do the guinea pigs

SECOND OPINION

THE recent tragic death of two young people whilst taking part in experimental drug research reminds us that these studies are potentially hazardous. Irrespective as to whether these deaths were drug-induced, they give notice to clinical pharmacologists like myself that the public has a right to know these studies are necessary, what hazards they pose, and what steps are (or should) be taken to protect the innocent.

Experiments on healthy volunteers are essential for medical progress. Our knowledge of human physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology — subjects that form the foundations of modern medicine – would have been impossible to unravel without studying *Homo sapiens* himself

During the development of a new drug, investigations of its actions and fate in healthy volunteers are an integral and essential part of the long process that converts a novel chemical substance into a therapeutic agent for the treatment of human disease.

Drug research in healthy volunteers is carried out by clinical pharmacologists working in both the pharmaceutical industry and in academic centres. In the industry it is often a company's own pharmacologists and research personnel who volunteer to take the first doses of their own medicine. In universities, investigators like myself have engaged in dozens of drug experiments in the pursuit of medical knowledge.

There are, however, practical limits to which individual investigators can use themselves as experimental subjects, and they must frequently recruit healthy volunteers from larger populations if their studies are to have scientific and statistical validity. Hence the widespread use of "panels" of healthy volunteers from amongst the employees of pharmaceutical companies, and of students in universities.

The potential hazards facing investigators and volunteers during drug experiments fall into three categories. The *procedural* hazards are those incurred with the techniques used in studying a particular drug's action and fate, although those adopted by clinical pharmacologists in healthy volunteers are generally "non-invasive". The *geographical* hazards are those imposed by the circumstances under which a study is performed. During the course of any experiment totally unexpected adverse events can occur which may, or may not, be related to the study. Irrespective of the cause, however, healthy volunteers have the right to expect that the very best medical care is immediately available to them during the study. Drug research therefore needs to be carried out at a geographical location which is suitably equipped and staffed.

The *pharmacological* hazards are those which are attributable to the drug itself. For drugs that are widely prescribed, and which have an established place in medical practice, these hazards will be well known and can usually be avoided. With new drugs which have not yet "been into man" or have only been subjected to limited human studies, no amount of preclinical laboratory testing can entirely eliminate potential risks. Indeed, the purpose of healthy volunteer studies is usually to elicit some measurable pharmacological effect — and this implies at least a theoretical risk. Experience gained over the last 20 years, however, suggests that the risks are extremely small, and though I do not wish to minimise the recent tragedies, they need to be placed in the context of the many thousands of uneventful experiments that have been undertaken over many years.

Apart from the general law of negligence, the safeguards for volunteers in drug studies are voluntary and informal. First, no clinical investigator would wish to injure a volunteer, and my own sympathy for the family and friends of the two recent victims is coupled with sympathy for the investigators in Cardiff and Dublin who undertake the studies.

This lack of any statutory mechanism for the independent scrutiny of the pharmacological hazards of new drugs is both absurd and illogical. Independent scrutiny is necessary for the protection of healthy volunteers and for the reassurance of the public. It cannot be provided by either a sponsoring pharmaceutical company or by the investigator himself, since both have vested interests. By contrast, under the Medicines Act, independent scrutiny is required before new drugs can be tested in patients — but the Act excludes healthy volunteers. We are thus in the extraordinary position of providing statutory safeguards for those likely to benefit from the drug (i.e. patients), whilst denying any statutory safeguards to those who will gain nothing (i.e. healthy volunteers). We are, indeed, one of the few countries which distinguishes between healthy volunteers and patients in this anomolous manner.

Second, responsible pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions have established ethics committees to review the protocols of volunteer studies. When properly constituted such ethics committees are eminently capable of assessing both the geographical and procedural risks inherent in a particular study. Local ethics committees are also competent to assess the pharmacological risks of established drugs whose properties have become widely recognised through long usage in patients.

Few local ethics committees, however, are capable of assessing the pharmacological hazards with new drugs. Preclinical laboratory testing involves a wide range of disciplines including chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology, toxicology and experimental histopathology, and the professional skills required to assess this material, and judge the likely consequences in healthy volunteers, is unavailable to most ethics committees. Instead, they must rely on the judgment of the pharmaceutical company and the investigator.

The legal and administrative framework for statutory control of volunteer studies with new drugs already exists in the Medicines Act. What is needed is the political will to incorporate healthy volunteers in its provisions. The necessary controls need to be neither bureaucratic nor detrimental to innovative pharmacological research; they would, however, go a long way towards reassuring and protecting the altruism of the healthy volunteer.

M. D. Rawlins is Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Please write, giving comprehensive personal and career details, together with the names and addresses of two referees to the Clerk of the County Council and Chief Executive at County Hall, Tel: Nottingham (0602) 823823 Ext. 3715. Closing date 24 May.

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For further particulars and an application form please contact Personnel Section, National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE. Tel. 01-278 9441.

ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

is required for an innovative project which trains volunteers to represent the interests of mentally-handicapped people. Sound secretarial / admin experience, fast accurate typing and good phone manner essential. Work involves both office management and volunteer support.

£7,000 p.a. pro rata for a 20 hour week. No smokers, please.

Telephone or write to Sally Carr, Co-ordinator, Advocacy Alliance, 115 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0TJ. Telephone 01-253 2058.

CAMDEN ACCOMMODATION SCHEME

C.A.S. is looking for a

CO-ORDINATOR

with proven administrative skills to complete a friendly team of 4 working in a housing/resettlement project in Camden for 13 young homeless people. Since a number of our residents are of Afro-Caribbean origin experience of working with young blacks would be a positive advantage.

Non-residential flexible 35-hour week. Salary SO1: £9,477 to £10,107 + £1,248 L.W. Send for details to: C.A.S., P.O. Box 57, London NW1. Closing date: 31.5.85.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
Telephone:
LONDON 01-278 2332
MANCHESTER 061-832 7200

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND SURVEYING

We are looking for a Chief Architect and Chief Services Engineer to join the Senior Management Team and play a major role in the development of the Department's services. You will need to be committed to a corporate approach to the management of the Department, and implementing the Council's policies including Equal Opportunities in employment, and full tenant consultation.

CHIEF ARCHITECT

£20,043-£21,876 p.a. (inc)

You will be a Registered or Chartered Architect with experience in managing a range of projects from inception to completion. Your management skills will be as important as your professional expertise.

The Division comprises 60 staff, plus Clerks of Works and is responsible for a wide range of design, rehabilitation and modernisation works and site supervision. In addition, a knowledge of, and sympathy with, the design considerations for women, and disabled people are essential.

You will have the opportunity to develop new procedures and practices within the Division and will need a wide range of management skills to include staff, financial and contract management, and the management of change. (Ref. No. 5/127/G).

Chief Services Engineer

£17,313-£18,354 p.a. (inc.)

You will head a section of 35 staff responsible for a wide range of service engineering functions. You will be a Chartered Engineer with a comprehensive experience of engineering services, design and contract management. Your management skills, both supervisory and financial, will be as important as your professional expertise.

The services you will be responsible for managing will include Energy Conservation, Sanitation and Drainage, Mechanical and Electrical, Fire Precaution Systems, Lifts and Asbestos Removal. Experience in a range of the areas is essential, as is the potential readily to assimiliate any new areas of responsibility. (Ref. No. 5/126/G).

Application forms (and further details) from and to be returned to: Controller of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel.: 01-278 4444, Ext. 2757, quoting Reference No. Closing date: 3rd June, 1985.

Camden Services — Too good to lose!

equal opportunity employer

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed/religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

Stockport Leisure Services

Head of Administration and Development

£13,326 – £14,358

Applications are sought from individuals with Chief Officer potential to head a newly created unit within our large, multi-disciplinary Leisure Services Division.

Candidates should have a background in leisure management or planning and should possess a DMS or comparable qualification.

The new unit will have a staff of 16, organised in three sections dealing with Marketing and Promotion, Administration and Finance, and Personnel and Training. It will be expected to make a positive contribution to the achievement of divisional objectives, to policy reviews and to the development of new services, and the ability to work sensitively and constructively with line management to these ends will be crucial.

Stockport, population 300,000 lies south of Manchester and borders the Peak District and the Cheshire Plain. It combines attractive countryside with ready access to the social and cultural facilities of a major city.

For further details and application form, please write to the Director of Leisure Services, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE, or telephone 061-480 4949 Extn, 4401. Closing date: 31 May 1985.

STOCKPORT

An Equal Opportunities Employer

The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)
CRUSADE OF RESCUE

HEAD OF SOCIAL WORK

A well-qualified and substantially experienced social worker is required to head the social work team of this approved Voluntary Catholic Children's Society.

Experience is needed in the whole field of substitute family care but the greater part of the Agency's work lies in the area of counselling the unsupported mother, the adoption of babies and the recruitment of adoptive families. It includes considerable counselling of persons adopted through the Agency. The post demands ability to supervise existing projects for community care and respite care of handicapped children and initiatives for developing new projects in these and other fields, in co-operation with the Administrator. It is unlikely that the post will be congenial to anyone other than a practising Roman Catholic.

Salary: National Joint Council Scale PO.1 (according to experience).

Application forms and further information available from: *The Secretary, The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster), Crusade of Rescue, 73 St. Charles Square, London W10 6EJ.*

READING COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY
Invite applications for an

EMPLOYMENT OFFICER

Salary £8,810 to £7,329

To develop and implement RCRE's policies in the field of employment, including working with local groups, employers, trade unions and casework.

RCRE is engaged in fighting racism and in the promotion of equality of opportunity. A commitment to these principles and some experience of community work are essential.

Application form, job description, from: RCRE, Silver Street, Reading RG1 2ST (Tel: 868755). Closing date for applications: 24th May.

RCRE is an equal opportunity employer

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
(QUAKERS)

Accountant

To take responsibility for the accounting work for our international department. Experience of computerised accounting an advantage: an ability to produce final accounts essential.

Salary on scale £8250 – £9870.

Further details from: John Noble, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

Telephone: 01-387 3601 ext 62.

BRADFORD CYRENIANS

GENERIC WORKER
(NON-RESIDENTIAL)

required primarily for a short term house, which provides emergency supportive accommodation for 10 homeless single men. The seven generic staff work within a framework of democracy, acceptance and building of a community. Experience in the homeless/welfare/residential field desirable. Salary £7,524 p.a.

For further details and application form apply to: The Co-ordinator, Bradford Cyrenians, 25S Manningham Lane, Bradford BD8 7EP. Applications close 24th May.

Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale

AMENITIES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TOURISM OFFICER

£10,404-£11,025 per annum

This is a temporary vacancy for a period of at least two years and will be filled on a contract basis following the present postholder being seconded to a special project.

Duties include responsibility for the further development and promotion of Calderdale as a tourist centre, production of literature, press, media and exhibition work and the tourist information service. In addition to this the postholder will be expected to advise the Chief Officer on tourism policy, prepare reports and attend meetings where appropriate.

You will have to demonstrate flair and initiative with a good working knowledge of the tourism industry, public relations, marketing and experience in tourism related projects.

Calderdale is a Metropolitan District comprising of an attractive mixture of Pennine Countryside and towns. The heritage of the textile industry, the Victorian architecture and the countryside which is easily accessible to walkers, are some of the main aspects being developed.

The post carries a casual user car allowance and assistance with temporary housing accommodation and removal expenses may be given.

Application form and job description are available from The Chief Amenities and Recreation Officer, Wellesley Park, Halifax, tel. Halifax 59454 to whom they should be returned not later than Wednesday, May 22, 1985.

Central London Social Security Advisers Forum

WANTS TO APPOINT

A CAMPAIGN WORKER

The Forum has about 110 member organisations who more or less regularly give advice on social security to a wide diversity of claimants. Our activities are expanding rapidly — we have more members, new offices and a micro-computer. We represent members collectively to local DHSS offices and have been taking up the challenge of housing benefit administration. We investigate problems, undertake research, lobby successfully for a change at local, regional, and national level.

We need someone with reasonable knowledge of the welfare benefits system (housing and supplementary benefits in particular) who can write clearly (newsheets, reports, letters, etc) and work happily and enthusiastically with a large collection of loosely linked organisations. Understanding of micro-computers and their application in this work would be an advantage.

The Forum welcome applications from any person irrespective of age, sex or race.

Salary NJC Scale APS/SO1

For application form and full job description and details of the Forum write to: Robbie Manaland, Central London Social Security Advisory Forum, Russell Chambers, Covent Garden Piazza, London WC2, or telephone 01-836 5320.

Closing date May 22, 1985.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS
In The Guardian on Wednesdays

WALWORTH ROAD CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

TEMPORARY PART-TIME JOINT ORGANISER/PARTIAL COLLECTIVE WORKER

(21½ days per week)

Salary £9,510-£11,355 p.a. pro rata

Experienced advice worker (CAB training preferred) to join team of paid and volunteer staff to cover three months maternity period of Maternity Leave, for up to 4.5 months (until mid-October 85).

The team operate as a partial collective with management responsibility shared by paid advice workers. The post carries a heavy case-load of client problems and shared administrative functions with full participation in collective decision-making.

Closing Date: 24th May, 1985.

For application form, send self-addressed A4 envelope, quoting reference S26 to: Jean Ellis, South London Alfa Secretary, GLCABS, 81 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7DL.

CHELSEA CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

ADVICE WORKER — SPECIALISING IN HOUSING

Salary £8,772-£9,510

Required full-time for this new post preference with some interest/experience in private sector housing. The worker would also be part of the generalist advice team.

Chelsea Bureau is busy with 14,000 inquiries a year, one third concerning housing. Many of our clients are from ethnic minorities.

We have a full-time Resource Solicitor and join in County Court advice sessions on possession days.

Ability to work under pressure in cramped conditions an advantage.

CAB experience not essential as training will be provided.

Closing date 24th May, 1985.

For application forms and details please write to Sharon Stonehill, GLCABS, 81 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7DL.

As an equal opportunities employer, GLCABS wishes to encourage positively all applications regardless of disability, race, sex or creed.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Re-advertisement

Planning Assistant

Kendal

£6,555 to £9,114 or £8,352 to £10,107 (with MRTPI and relevant experience).

Duties cover a variety of development plan responsibilities in the Policy Group, including assistance with regional reports, EEC matters, Rural Development Programme, employment analyses, review of strategic policies and local plan liaison.

A degree or post graduate diploma in town and country planning is essential; MRTPI and relevant experience required for the higher salary. A particular interest in regional economics and development of policies for industry and employment would be an advantage.

For informal discussion please ring (0539) 21000 for David Booth [Group Leader] ext 281.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Further details and application forms from County Planning Officer, County Offices, Kendal LA9 4RQ. Tel: (0539) 21000 Ext: 209. Closing date for receipt of applications is 20th May, 1985.

Cumbria

Applications are invited from suitably qualified men and women for the post of

PART-TIME ASSISTANT STATISTICIAN

We are looking for someone with the intellectual and practical skills to undertake statistical analyses and projects, and to assist in ensuring that pertinent and comprehensive statistical data be readily available to service the various needs of the Commission. Candidates must have an Honours Degree in Statistics, or in Mathematics with a Statistical component. One or two years appropriate work experience in statistics would be an advantage. Hours of work will be 18½ per week, with a starting salary of £3,009 per annum, rising by annual increments to £4,246 per annum. The excellent conditions of service include a non-contributory pension scheme.

Please write or telephone for an application form to:
The Personnel Section, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN. Tel. 061-833 9244, Ext. 32

Equal Opportunities Commission

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 14th May 1985.

ASIAN WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE

requires

THREE WORKERS

to work in the areas of childcare, employment and welfare; collective work will be expected.

We are looking for people who have some *experience of working with Asian women, and* are fluent in one of the Asian languages.

Salary not below £8,500.

Closing date 18th May 1985.

For further details contact AWRC, 134 Minet Avenue, London NW10. Tel: 01-961 6549/5701.

Promotions Officer

(Leisure Services)

Scale 4 £6,555-£7,329 p.a.

The postholder will be responsible for the management of the Town Hall entertainment facilities and for the promotion, organisation and presentation of concerts and events.

The successful applicant will have the flair and ability to maximise use of the facilities for the benefit of the community. Candidates should preferably hold a suitable qualification in arts or entertainments.

Detailed applications (no forms) including Curriculum Vitae and the names and addresses of two referees should be submitted to the Chief Personnel Officer, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent to arrive by not later than Friday 31st May, 1985. (Canvassing will disqualify).

The Council is an equal opportunities employer.

KINGSTON UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE

THIRD WORKER

wanted to work in a small but motivated team. Ideally this worker should have previous experience, or some interest in, working with unemployed woman, advice giving and campaigning.

Applications (short c.v. stating relevant experience etc.) to: Mr. F. Miller, 44 Selwyn Road, New Malden, Surrey, by 19th May, 1985 at the latest. This GLC funded Trade Union Centre is an equal opportunities employer.



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NEWHAM HOUSING SERVICES
homes for living in

We're making things happen. Locally.

In the East London Borough of Newham we have embarked upon a radical programme to alleviate our housing problems, by bringing back housing strategies to where they belong – within the community.

We have started by devolving a Central Housing Department bureaucracy into a series of 12 Local Offices. Applying staff and resources to the creation of an integrated service which gives everyone in our community access to the decision-making process and which, at the same time, reflects people's real housing needs.

NEWHAM HOUSING SERVICES

To build the foundations of this new service we need people. Men and women with the dedication and determination to ensure that all our aims are met successfully.

All the following posts will be located in one of the three District Offices serving the North West of the Borough, an area of typically mixed inner-city housing containing roughly equal proportions of both public and private sector housing.

Heading a District Office of around 40 people, we have a vacancy for:

DISTRICT HOUSING MANAGER
PO12-15 £15,015 – £16,044 pa inc

– who will be responsible to an Area Co-Ordinator for the successful delivery of Housing Services in this District. The job is a front-line position and demands a high degree of commitment, considerable managerial ability and, particularly, sensitivity to the aims of the Council and the needs of the community. A professional qualification e.g. the Institute of Housing or equivalent would be useful, more important is extensive and relevant experience in either the Voluntary or Local Authority sector

To provide support and guidance on race relations for staff and to establish and maintain good relationships with ethnic minority households, which constitute around 30% of the area's population, we have a vacancy in a District Office for a:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER
SO1 £10,134 – £10,764 pa inc Ref: H 1003

This essential post reflects Newham's commitment to equal opportunities in housing – as highlighted recently in our positive measures against racial harassment of Council tenants.

Applicants should have experience of working within ethnic minority communities and possess the necessary communication skills to establish good relations between the different racial groups for the well-being of the community in general.

We are also looking for a DISTRICT HOUSING MANAGER and a COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER for existing District Offices prior to their official decentralisation in 1986 and we will be attempting to make two to three appointments.

Within the staffing structure of District Offices, will be 4 Teams responsible for Private Sector Housing, Administration, Public Sector Housing, and Technical Services. Directly responsible to the District Manager each Team will be led by a Team Leader.

TEAM LEADERS (PRIVATE SECTOR)
PO3-6 £11,916 – £12,900 pa inc Ref: H 1027

The Team Leader will head a Team of 5-7 staff who will manage and develop Private Sector Housing Services within their respective Districts, each of which comprise approximately 3,500 properties. Activities covered in the Private Sector Housing Service are Housing Advice, the processing of Grant applications and Area Improvement work including Housing Action Area activity. Considerable housing experience is demanded in at least one of the above mentioned areas, or possibly experience in planning, environmental health or other such related work.

Working under direction of each Private Sector Team Leader will be two

HOUSING AID ADVISERS
Sc 5/6 £8,181 – £9,771 pa inc Ref: H 1041

– who will provide the public with a detailed Housing Advice Service on a broad range of housing problems. This work will include some casework in Housing Action Areas.

These challenging new positions require experience of casework situations, preferably within the housing field but applicants will be considered who have had general advisory experience in the Voluntary Sector. More important is the ability to relate to people effectively but sympathetically.

TEAM LEADERS (PUBLIC SECTOR)
PO3-6 £11,916 – £12,900 pa inc Ref: H 1006

In the Public Sector there are vacancies for 2 TEAM LEADERS heading Teams of 4–10 staff who will manage 1500-3500 properties respectively. Each Team will be expected to deliver Estate Management Services in its district and to develop and control strategies and budgets for this service.

Although housing experience is necessary, it is just as important for applicants to have the ability to carry out the duties of the post with sensitivity and understanding.

TEAM LEADER (TECHNICAL)
PO3-6 £11,916 – £12,900 pa inc Ref: H 1047

Heading a Team of 4 staff, the Technical Team Leader will be responsible for the Technical aspect of Repair, Maintenance and Improvement of Council-owned stock within the District. This is an area in which the Council is seeking a major and noticeable improvement in the provision of services.

Applicants should possess at least HNC although it is envisaged that applicants ideally should possess RICS or be studying for this examination. Extensive and revelant experience, not necessarily in a Local Authority environment, is essential.

Attached to each Technical Team and each Public Sector Team will be

TECHNICAL OFFICERS
Sc5, Sc6, SO1/2 £8,181 – £11,682 pa inc Ref: H 1050

The duties of these Officers will involve them with the day-to-day maintenance of Council property, maintaining major Capital Works Projects and a Programme of Planned Maintenance for our housing stock.

The SO1 and Sc.6 Posts are attached to the Technical Team and the Sc5 Posts to the Public Sector Team. A minimum of 2 years experience in a similar post is essential for all these vacancies, together with ONC or equivalent for Sc.5 Posts, HNC or equivalent for Sc6 and for Senior Officer Posts at least HNC or part qualification toward RICS.

Newham is a Borough with a multi-racial population and the Council is conscious that its policies and delivery of service should reflect the needs of the local community.

Application forms, job specifications and further information, with the exception of the District Housing Manager post, are available from the Personnel Section, Department of Housing, 91 The Grove, Stratford, London E15 1EP, or telephone 01 534 4545, Ext 5352 (01 519 4337 – 24 hour Answerphone) quoting the relevant reference number.

For the District Housing Manager post, please write to the Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, East Ham, London E6 2RP, or telephone 01 471 0619 (24 hour answering service). Please quote ref: ASC/DHM

Closing date: 24th May 1985

An Equal Opportunity Employer

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

Leicester City Council

As part of the City Council's commitment to an Equal Opportunity Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of marital status, sex, race, disability or sexual orientation.

HOUSING
DLO Works Manager
£13,688-£14,682

The City Council is committed to the successful operation of a vibrant DLO (Direct Labour Organisation) which gives a high standard of service to tenants in the City's 35,000 houses and to other client groups. The Housing DLO is one branch of the Maintenance Division of the Department and is at present being restructured. This is a new post which will head a newly created DLO management team. The DLO has a turnover of £8.5m and employs 450 manual workers and 70 staff workers and deals with around 150,000 individual repair orders per year as well as various contracts.

The successful applicant will be a high calibre manager who must be capable of running a large complex organisation and be able to convert the Council policies of an expanded operation and higher standard of service into reality. The bulk of the organisation's work is now won in competitive tender.

Specifically, we are looking for a professional building manager of chartered status with experience in the following areas:

- ★ Managing directly employed unionised labour
- ★ Housing Maintenance
- ★ Construction/Modernisation
- ★ Compiling and controlling major work programmes in the public sector
- ★ Local government competition regulations

Applicants wishing for an informal talk may contact the Assistant Director of Maintenance, Mike McGrath, on (0533) 549922, Ext. 6909.

Assistance with relocation expenses up to a maximum of £2,075 and temporary housing accommodation are available in approved cases.

Application form (returnable by 20th May) and further details from Director of Personnel and Management Services, New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester LE1 6ZG. Tel (0533) 549922, Ext. 7084.

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CITY OF CARLISLE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM MEN AND WOMEN FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANCY:

TEAM LEADER
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING OFFICE
(POST NO. SP.680) — S.O.1 £9,477 to £10,107 p.a.

in the Housing Department. The Council plans to open a Neighbourhood Office to serve the Raffles housing estate. Raffles consists of 1,800 predominantly Council-owned dwellings and we are looking for a Team Leader to develop housing and other community services appropriate to the needs of the area. A neighbourhood team of staff will provide the broad range of housing services at present the responsibility of centrally-based staff and the Team Leader must be able to facilitate a smooth transition from the existing to the proposed service.

Applicants must have wide experience of housing and/or community development. The ability to organise, establish systems and supervise staff are essential requirements. A relevant professional qualification would be an advantage.

Relocation Assistance Scheme; temporary housing accommodation in appropriate cases.

If you want to make an informal enquiry about the post, George Miller, the Deputy Director of Housing, will be pleased to speak to you (0228) 23411, Ext. 252.

FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS, RETURNABLE BY 24TH MAY, 1985, FROM THE PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OFFICER, TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT, CIVIC CENTRE, CARLISLE CA3 8QG, TEL. (0228) 23411, EXT. 269, QUOTING POST NO. SP.680.

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

THE BETH JOHNSON FOUNDATION

RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Salary: up to £9,000 including LWA (according to age and experience)

To carry out a 12 month funded study of Mid-Essex Health Authority's "Positive Action for Mental Illness in Old Age" project.

The post would suit an enthusiastic person, of graduate calibre or similar, who can work on his/her own initiative.

For further details contact: Parkfield House, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent. ST4 7JL. Tel. 0782 44838.

Closing date: 31 May 1985

CAMDEN FEDERATION OF PRIVATE TENANTS
is looking for a

HOUSING CAMPAIGNER

Our ideal person would be able to work independently, organise and motivate tenants, and have experience of housing and working with ethnic minority communities. We welcome applications from private tenants and people from ethnic minorities.

Salary £8,994 p.a. funding from Camden Council.

Details: C.F.P.T., 30 Camden Road, London NW1. Telephone 01-267 5328.

SOUTHERN DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

RESEARCHERS
(1½ posts)
EVALUATION OF CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Two persons are required to undertake evaluation of a scheme which is assisting mentally handicapped people to move out of the hospital into the community. The project is a collaborative one between Southern Derbyshire Health Authority and Derbyshire Social Services and reflects the interests of both agencies. Funding is available for a two-year period.

It will be important for both Researchers to be available to work flexible hours including some evening and weekend work. The posts will be based at Aston Hall Hospital.

A background in social or behavioural science and some relevant research experience would be preferred. Salary: £8,740 pro rata.

For informal discussion telephone Joe Beswick on (0332) 752412 or James Mathews on (0629) 5411, ext. 7475.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from Aston Hall Hospital, Aston-on-Trent, Derby DE7 2AL.

Closing date: May 31, 1985.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THE KIPPER PROJECT
requires
TWO WORKERS
(including one black male)

We are a non-statutory hostel in East London providing medium-term accommodation for young homeless people. One is a new post, as the project is moving to new larger premises in August '85. The second post will be left vacant when an existing worker leaves after 3 years with Kipper.

A commitment to anti-sexism, anti-racism and working collectively is essential.

Salary Scale 5 (£8,994 inc. London weighting).

For further information, job description and application form please ring 01-790 0637.

Closing date: May 22, 1985.

The Kipper Project is an Equal Opportunities employer. These posts are exempt from the Sex Discrimination Act under Section 7(2)e and the Race Relations Act Section 5(2)d.

DEERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Planning Department

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK SUPERVISOR
(£5,640 — 37-hour week)

Applications are invited from persons preferably with a degree in Archaeology: Field Survey Experience is desirable.

Knowledge of excavation, finds, identification and surveying advantageous, to supervise two teams of Field-workers.

This is a community programme scheme and applicants must be currently unemployed.

Urgent applications are required, for further details contact Mr J. Barnatt, c/o DCC Museums Service, John Turner House, Parkway, Darley Dale, Derbyshire. Tel: Matlock 733226 Ext 18.

Derbyshire County Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer

DIRECTOR
Building, Highways and Construction
Salary up to £28,116

The City Council is seeking a Chief Officer to lead and develop the Council's Building and Construction Services to client departments and Council tenants — an enterprise employing nearly 4,000 people with an annual turnover approaching £60 million.

The successful applicant will be a manager with a proven record of success in the cost-effective management of a large public or private organisation and who has specifically demonstrated:

- achievement in leadership of an effective Management team
- the energy and imagination to cope with the challenge of such a key management appointment.
- commitment to effective industrial relations.

Application forms and further details can be obtained by ringing 0742 734079 or by writing to Rod Knowles, Chief Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Sheffield S1 2HH. Closing date: 24th May, 1985.

This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not re-apply.

City of Sheffield

An Equal Opportunity Employer

DIRECTOR
OF SOCIAL SERVICES
£25,341 – £27,873

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons with vision, proven management ability, and the skill to develop services and use limited resources effectively. The post falls vacant in September, 1985 on the retirement of the present Director, Philip Hughes.

Wakefield has a population of 313,000, and is a fascinating metropolitan district, with a cathedral city, historic towns, mining communities, and some pleasant rural areas. It is situated at the crossroads of the motorway system, with easy access to the Dales, the Peak District, the North Yorks Moors and the coast, and an hourly inter city service to London.

The Social Services Department has pioneered the patch method of working and intermediate treatment. It has comprehensive boarding-out schemes with over 70% of children boarded out. New developements being planned or implemented include core and cluster schemes for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped, an independent living scheme for young people, and very sheltered housing schemes and patch wardens for the old and handicapped.

This is an exciting job with a progressive authority which wants to provide the best possible social services. The Director is a member of the Authority's Management Team.

Telephone enquiries to Mr. Philip Hughes, Director of Social Services on Wakefield 370211, ext 8101 or Mr. Eric Blyth, Chief Personnel Officer on Wakefield 370211, ext 7006. PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT RE-APPLY, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH ANY FURTHER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Application forms and further details available from Chief Executive's Department (Personnel Section), Town Hall, Wakefield, to be returned by 24th May, 1985.

City of WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
BOARD FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(International Affairs Committee)

The Board for Social Responsibility is seeking an Assistant Secretary to be Secretary of its International Affairs Committee to succeed the present post-holder on the completion of their contract in the summer of 1985. The post at present includes responsibility for acting as Secretary to the Development Affairs Committee of the Board.

The work consists of advising the Committees on major issues of concern in the field of international affairs and development, servicing their meetings (at present quarterly) and specialist working parties, and writing papers and briefs. This is advanced through the establishment and maintenance of links with Government departments (especially the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and good co-operative relationships with similar bodies in other denominations and with voluntary agencies. The Secretary to the Committee keeps in close touch with Diocesan Development Representatives and with the major world development agencies.

The person whom we are seeking to fill this interesting and demanding post should have a proven interest in and experience of international matters, a concern for world development, and a capacity to help the Church consider the meaning of Christian faith in these contexts.

Good administrative ability is essential.

Applicants should be practising members of the Church of England. The post is open to men and women.

The post is graded Senior Executive Officer on an incremental scale £11,782 - £14,444 (under review) (which includes a London Weighting Allowance of £1,300 per annum).

Informal inquiries to: Prebendary J. W. Gladwin — Ext. 309.

Application form and job description from: Miss Anne E. Holt, Personnel Officer, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ. Tel: 01-222 9011, Ext. 351.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 31st May, 1985.

Interviews will be held in London on 9th July, 1985.

Forest Inventory Expert
Ghana

The officer will be expected to develop a planning system to produce harvesting schedules of the forest reserves consistent with sustained yield principles.

Additional responsibilities will be the preparation and execution of a training programme for Ghanaians in forest inventory skills, and the analysis of permanent sample plot data.

Applicants should be British Citizens and possess qualifications in forest biometry combined with experience in synthesis of forest inventory data for long term planning and mensuration, including computer data analysis. Administrative experience of development projects in the tropics would also be useful.

The appointment is on contract to ODA on loan to the Government of Ghana for a period of three to four years. Salary (UK taxable) is in the range £15525 to £20125 pa, including an element in lieu of superannuation. A variable tax free Foreign Service Allowance currently in the range £3585 to £7533 pa, is also payable.

The post is wholly financed by the British Government under Britain's programme of Aid to the developing countries. Other benefits normaly include paid leave, free family passages, children's education allowances, free accommodation and medical attention.

For full details and application form, please apply, quoting ref. AB310/CR/TG, giving details of age, qualifications and experience to: Appointments Officer, Overseas Development Administration, Room 351, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, EAST KILBRIDE, Glasgow G75 8EA.

ODA OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT
Britain helping nations to help themselves

LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING
HOMELESS PERSONS OFFICER
£8,181-£8,919 pa

A new post within a team of 6 Officers responsible for interviewing and assessing claims for assistance under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, 1977. Duties include special responsibilities for advising on the homelessness problems of the unit's ethnic minority clients.

The postholder will need to display energy, sensitivity and commitment in this exceptionally stressful area. Knowledge of relevant housing law is normally required but training can be given. Proficiency in Punjabi/Hindi is essential. Car allowance payable.

Please quote reference 285HD. Closing date: 24th May, 1985.

ASSISTANT HOUSING ADVISORY OFFICERS
£7,212-£7,986 pa

These demanding jobs involve interviewing and assisting people who experience housing problems such as threatened homelessness, landlord and tenant disputes, waiting list enquiries etc. We are looking for graduates with a relevant background (eg housing welfare, legal advice) and experience, who can demonstrate genuine commitment for the work.

Please quote reference 284HD. Closing date: 24th May, 1985.

Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Office, Room A/204, Town Hall Annexe, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY, Tel 01-840 1995 (24-hour service).

WELFARE OFFICER
Salary £9477–£10107

A vacancy has arisen for a person to provide an independent and confidential welfare service to members of the Northamptonshire Police and their families. This will include matters of a domestic legal and medical nature. In addition the responsibilities will include administrative duties relating to existing local welfare committees, organisations and funds.

The personal qualities of the individual appointed are more important than formal qualifications, although formal training in welfare related matters would be an advantage.

An essential car users allowance will be payable. Assistance with removal, lodging and disturbance allowance will be given in appropriate cases.

Applicants should apply in writing for an application form and job description to Civilian Personnel Officer, Northamptonshire Police, Wootton Hall, Northampton NN4 0JQ. Closing date for receipt of applications is 31st May 1985.

Northamptonshire Police

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES RECOURSE UNIT
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

CHIRU provides information and advice to community health initiatives and encourages health professionals to offer appropriate support.

A Development Officer with a commitment to radical health policies is needed to co-ordinate a three person Unit. S/he should have community development organisational and public speaking skills.

The Unit is funded till June 1986, thus a major task will be to secure future funding. CHIRU is committed to equal opportunities and is currently based at The National Council for Voluntary Organisations, but wheelchair access is poor.

Salary scale — £8,833 — £11,158 + £1,300 London Weighting p.a.

For an application form write to The Personnel Officer, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU. Please return by 31st May.

NCVO is an equal opportunities employer.

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PROPERTY

COUNTRYSIDE ASSISTANT
Scale 3/4/5 £5,922 to £8,262 per annum

The Countryside and Recreation team is involved in the preparation of policy and the implementation of a wide variety of projects concerning all aspects of nature and landscape conservation, countryside recreation and interpretation, tourism and aspects of physical recreation.

The Countryside Assistant will assist senior staff in most countryside aspects of the team's work.

The post will suit an enthusiastic person able to offer one or more of the following:

a first or second degree in an environmental science subject, preferably with a countryside management specialism;
a relevant professional qualification;
appropriate practical experience;
some understanding of modern farming.

Application forms and further details available from the Director of Planning and Property, Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, to whom they should be returned by 24th May 1985.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified men and women for the temporary post of

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
(Part-time)

We require someone with the intellectual and practical skills to make a significant contribution to a given area of the Commission's work, in a Unit concerned with a wide range of social policy issues. Candidates will need to have had previous relevant work experience, five G.C.E. passes, two of which must be at 'A' level (or equivalent) and the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. The period of employment is likely to be for approximately eleven months to cover a period of maternity leave. Hours of work are 24 per week. Salary will be at the rate of £3,903 per annum.

Application forms and further details are available from:

Equal Opportunities Commission

The Personnel Section, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN Tel.: 061-833 9244, Ext. 32.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday 17th May 1985.

Committee Clerk

In addition to servicing the ILEA's Finance Sub-Committee, the postholder also clerks Teachers' Disciplinary Tribunals of Inquiry. The full range of clerking work is entailed, including preparation of agendas, decision sheets and minutes, arranging and attending meetings and handling enquiries, correspondence.

A good knowledge of committee work and procedures is essential, with the ability to prioritise and organise a fluctuating workload. Good communication and interpersonal skills and a broad understanding of local government accounting practices are also needed. This post is suitable for job sharing.

£9,255–£11,325 inclusive.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC/ILEA is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 24th May 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Ref: 6198, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527.

ilea

Applications are invited for the new post of

GENERAL MANAGER

to be responsible and accountable to the Board of Governors for the management of the Hospital.

The Hospital, which is part of the NHS, works in close association with the Institute of Dental Surgery, an Institute of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, University of London. Together they form the only specialist postgraduate dental teaching institution in the country.

Contractual arrangements are to be agreed, but it is envisaged that the appointment will be for a fixed term, renewable by agreement. Remuneration is negotiable, but will be of particular interest to those whose current earnings are approaching £20,000.

Further details may be obtained by writing to: Mr. J. M. Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Governors at the Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD. The closing date for applications is 31st May, 1985.

THE SHAFTESBURY HOMES AND ARETHUSA ESHER HOUSE SINGLE PARENT UNIT

a vacancy exists for a

PART-TIME WORKER

to live in and assist the two full time staff at our hostel for 6 young mothers and their children in East Molsey, Surrey.

A very pleasant and spacious self-contained flat is available. The job requires a caring, understanding and flexible nature.

For more details and information regarding salary please contact:
DAWN HAGUE ON 01-979 7204

EALING HOUSE AID SERVICE (EHAS)

an independent project, based in South Ealing, requires a full-time

HOUSING COMMUNITY WORKER
to work in
SOUTHALL

£9,477 — 30 days' holiday

We are a team of five working in the borough of Ealing, West London.

We need someone who can speak Asian languages and who will be able, with our other Southall worker, to develop our work in the area, including setting up a local base.

Casework experience would be useful but not essential. An awareness of the current housing crisis as it affects areas such as Southall is essential.

EHAS is GLC funded and working towards becoming an equal opportunity employer.

For further details contact EHAS at 92-94 Warwick Road, London W5. (01) 840 1888/4244.

Closing date May 29.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WALES)

PROJECT LEADER
FOR ADOPTION/FOSTERING OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
(under the All Wales Strategy)

SALARY: PO1 — £10,716-£12,645

Applications are invited from qualified Social Workers with a background knowledge of Mentally Handicapped Services, having current experience in the field of Fostering and Adoption, together with some evidence of skills in management, in order to develop this recently established project.

The Society wishes to hear from committed Christians who are interested mainly in Field Social Work which would extend throughout the Principality.

Application Form/Job Description from Reverend F. O'Leary, please enclose S.A.E. Catholic Children's Society, St Vincent's House, 13 Westbourne Crescent, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 2XN. Closing date: 24th May 1985.

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National Coaching Foundation

The National Coaching Foundation was established by the Sports Council in 1983 to provide a service to coaching at all levels by way of courses, programmes, information services and the provision of technical data from home and overseas. The Foundation is based on the Beckett Park site of Leeds Polytechnic as the centre of a network of contributing institutes of higher learning specialising in coach education and the study of performance related knowledge and associated disciplines. The Foundation is looking to make two appointments:

Senior Technical Officer
(Ref 85/8/NCF/STO)

to be responsible for promoting and developing the Foundation's policies, administering its events, co-ordinating staff and deputising for the Director when necessary. Specific duties will include establishing and running coach education courses, developing tutor training, collecting data and maintaining records, preparing budgets and liaising with other coach education agencies.

The successful candidate will have a relevant professional qualification; considerable practical coaching experience; a working knowledge of sports science; management, administrative and first-class communicative skills; and must hold a current driving licence.

Salary is on a scale £13,081-£16,403 per annum, including a compensatory pension allowance and an allowance for frequent weekend and evening duties.

Executive Officer (Administration)
(Ref 85/9/NCF/EO)

to be responsible for the administration of a number of functions, including finance, office services, personnel records, health, safety and security; information and publicity and the grants programme.

The successful candidate will have at least 5 O level and 2 A level passes or equivalent, good organisational ability and previous administrative experience, ideally including experience of computer systems.

Salary is on a scale £6,258-£8,832 per annum, including a compensatory pension allowance.

Application form and further details for both posts available (quoting appropriate ref no) from Paul Burgin, The Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0QP.

Closing date for applications: 23rd May, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

SPORTS COUNCIL

ISLINGTON IS GOING LOCAL

Islington is decentralising Housing, Social Services, Environmental Health Repair Teams, Tenant's Benefits Payments to the Council, Advice on Council Services and Welfare Rights as part of a major programme to make the services given to the public more accessible, coherent and comprehensive.

The work of the offices will need to be open and responsive to the needs of multi-ethnic inner city communities.

The Social Services Department is at the most important point in its life since 1971, when it established the most decentralised fieldwork service in London. 'Going Local' has required a major overhaul of the structure to ensure an organisation which will take the department forward into the next century. A central objective of these changes is to integrate the activities of day, residential, domiciliary and fieldwork services at local level.

A number of posts will arise in the next few months. We are excited about these changes. We seek people who share our enthusiasm. Candidates must be willing to work at any of the neighbourhood offices in Islington. Personal preferences for work location will be considered if possible. The person appointed may be located in the first instance, in the existing departmental office and will be transferred to a neighbourhood office as the programme develops.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS (SOCIAL SERVICES)
Salary PO3 from £13,491-£14,574 p.a. inclusive

Job Ref: SS414

Will manage and co-ordinate all day, residential, domiciliary and fieldwork services within the neighbourhoods and will work in close collaboration with colleagues from other departments based alongside them in the neighbourhood office.

They must be leaders who see themselves able to
—manage and supervise the managers who report to them and stimulate collaboration between them.
—analyse the diverse needs of vulnerable individuals and groups within their community.
—take appropriate action in the complex cases involving the department's statutory powers and responsibilities.
—advise local groups on social services matters.

We seek people who can manage, motivate and innovate. In addition to the general qualities that these responsibilities require, they must convince us of their skills in
—writing clear reports and communicating effectively.
—chairing meetings.
—ensuring accurate record keeping.
—management and control of a substantial budget delegated at neighbourhood level.

They will either hold a COSW or CSS qualification and have five years' experience in a Social Services setting which will include two years' management and supervisory experience in a Day Care, Residential or Field setting or eight years' experience in a Social Services setting which will include three years' management and supervisory experience in a Day Care, Residential or Field setting.

For application forms for Social Services vacancies telephone our 24 hour answering service on 01-607 2041. *(Please take care to quote the right job reference number as incorrect numbers can cause problems for applicants)* or call at 5/6 Highbury Crescent, London, N.5. Closing date 1st post on 24th May 1985.

Our jobs are open to all races, both sexes, lesbians and gay men and we have a positive attitude towards the employment of disabled people.

ISLINGTON CARES CARE FOR ISLINGTON

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

This Association which provides support service to Citizens Advice Bureaux throughout the country currently has the following vacancies:

HEAD OF INFORMATION
(BASED IN LONDON)
Circa £10,900

An important vacancy has arisen in the Division which provides services to over 600 local advice agencies. The services are of high quality and vital to the work of these agencies. We are looking for a lively and committed person to head the Information Section. This provides up-to-date written information items across the whole range of personal and social issues which are used by workers in advisory clients. It also provides a central consultancy service for bureaux.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the effective management of the sections resources, for responding to day to day problems, and for providing a substantial contribution to the planning process within the department.

We need someone with management skills and experience and first class communication skills, coupled with a working knowledge of the issues related to the information and advice field. Experience of administration, computers and committee work would be useful and experience of work within an advice agency an advantage.

AREA OFFICER
SOUTH EAST AREA
Circa £9,600 — plus car

Based in Tunbridge Wells to be responsible for servicing the 44 CABx outlets located throughout the South East area.

The Area Officer is responsible for running the Area Office with a support staff of five, for the quality, standard and development of the service provided by the bureaux, for servicing the Area Committee and sub-committees and for negotiating with outside authorities on behalf of CABx in the area. Applicants require a high level of related experience in working with voluntary and statutory bodies. The job calls for skills in negotiation, management and for some administrative experience, coupled with the ability to work well with paid and voluntary staff and to develop good relationships with officers and members of local authorities and other agencies. Possession of a current driving licence essential.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (ACCOUNTS)
(BASED IN BIRMINGHAM)
Circa £7,000

To be responsible to the Area Officer for the control and presentation of Area Office accounts and bureaux statistics monitoring CABx grant applications plus general administrative duties.

Applicants should possess relevant book-keeping skills and experience coupled with general administrative experience.

All the above posts carry generous leave, luncheon vouchers and a contributory pension scheme.

Closing date for the above posts: 24th May, 1985.

For job description and application forms please WRITE on a postcard to: Personnel Department, NACAB, 115-123 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LZ.

All applicants considered on the basis of suitability for post regardless of sex, race, marital status or disability.

Citizens Advice Bureau

West Midlands County Council

COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TEAM LEADER
£14,013-£15,042 — Post Ref. PL 880

To lead the team engaged primarily on Planning aspects of Minerals and Waste Disposal operations and the preparation/implementation of the Aldridge/Brownhills Local Plan.

Applicants should be qualified Town Planners or in a related professional discipline with a minimum of six years post qualification experience and have substantial managerial experience preferably in Development Control and/or Mineral/Waste Disposal Planning.

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT PLANNER
£10,716-£11,562 — Post Ref. PL 455

To develop and promote nature conservation policies within the County Council and to deal with a variety of issues concerning the quality of the environment and leisure.

Applicants should be qualified Town Planners with some knowledge/qualification in ecology or a related discipline. One/two years post qualification experience required, including experience of preparation of strategic policies and the development and implementation of environmental improvement schemes.

SENIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
(2 posts)
£9,477-£11,025 — Post Refs. PL 200/210

To work in the Central Statistical Information and Research Unit which is currently undertaking an interesting and varied programme of work mainly concerned with policy and information matters for strategic planning.

Post PL 200 Applicants should have experience in information and research activities for strategic planning purposes, preferably with an understanding of the use of computers and survey and statistical techniques.

Post PL 210 Applicants should have experience in developing computer systems and liaising with system users. Knowledge of strategic planning, particularly planning information and research systems useful.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. S. Little on 021-300 8018.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Council is implementing a wide range of economic initiatives aimed at increasing industrial investment and improving job opportunities in the County area.

The Unit has a staff of 78 and a budget of £16 million.

To increase the participation of women in economic development schemes the Council has established a new post of:

WOMEN'S PROJECTS OFFICER
(Economic Development)
£9,477-£11,025 — Post Ref. ED 122

The post holder will contribute to the work of the Economic Development Unit, especially in encouraging greater participation by women in Economic Development Schemes, in monitoring the effectiveness of schemes in relation to women's needs and, in conjunction with other officers of the EDU, in developing new schemes and assisting in their implementation.

Applicants should be educated to degree level or equivalent and should have a thorough understanding and experience of women's employment and training initiatives. Experience of local government and/or voluntary organisations could be an advantage.

Informal enquiries can be made to Carol Hayden on 021-300 8065.

For an application form, write or telephone, quoting post reference number, to:

County Personnel Officer, West Midlands County Council, County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7DJ. Telephone (No. 021-300 7825. A 24-hour telephone answering service is in operation.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 22nd May, 1985.

"The County Council has a positive Equal Opportunities Policy to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly". All posts are open to female and male applicants.

DRUIDS HEATH CENTRE, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS

The Druids Heath Centre offers a range of services throughout the West Midlands for the care and education of difficult young people. Our emphasis is placed on reintegrating youngsters back into the community through our General Support Unit and our innovative Family Placement Scheme.

The General Support Unit is soon to be moving to a new purpose-built resource in the heart of our catchment area. This provides the exciting opportunity to review and revitalise our practice within a project which continues to break down the traditional barriers between field and residential work and aims to develop new approaches to community work.

To enable us to move forward we require a:

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER
£10,716 — £11,259 per annum

who will assist the Principal Social Worker in the management and development of the unit's work. The successful candidate should be a qualified Social Worker (CQSW/CSS) with at least three years post qualifying experience of working with adolescents.

The person appointed should be clear thinking and able to help put ideas into action, as well as possessing the skills to play a major role in supervising and developing a predominantly qualified social work team.

Barnardo's is a Christian child care organisation and offers conditions of service broadly in line with local authorities. Applications for posts are welcomed from persons irrespective of disability, marital status, sex or race. Transferable pension.

Informal enquiries to: Mr R Taylor, Deputy Director, Druids Heath Centre. Tel: Aldridge 56261.

Full details and application forms from: Christine Gumbley, Secretary, Druids Heath Centre, 83 Stonnall Road, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands. Tel: Aldridge 56261.

Barnardo's

Glenthorne Youth Treatment Centre

Senior Clinical Psychologist

The Glenthorne YTC at Erdington, Birmingham, provides long-term residential care, education, and treatment for severely disturbed young people aged between 12 and 19. Direct care is carried out by teams of residential social workers, teachers, and nurses.

The Senior Clinical Psychologist's main responsibilities will include advising on the development and implementation of individual treatment programmes; initial assessment of young people; and assisting the residential teams with periodic reviews of young persons' progress. The successful candidate will be able to develop research interests in the Centre, and contribute to the Diploma Course in Social Learning Theory at the University of Leicester by lecturing and supervising research projects.

Candidates must have a degree with 1st or 2nd class honours in psychology (or equivalent qualification) or be a Fellow or Associate of the BPS. They must also have a recognised postgraduate qualification in clinical psychology and at least 2 years experience as a basic grade Clinical Psychologist.

For more information about the work ring the Director, James R Wilkie, or the Head of the Psychology Department, Eugene Ostapiuk, on 021-382 5909.

Starting salary, according to qualifications and experience within the range £10,160-£12,580. Promotion prospects.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 30 May 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). **Please quote ref: G/6541.**

Department of Health and Social Security

The Civil Service is an equal opportunity employer

CAMDEN ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Camden Park House is a staffed Hostel (one Manager, three F/T and one F/T Care-workers) managed by CAMH. It was opened in 1983, and is specifically intended to provide a home for up to 12 former long-stay patients from Friern Hospital for as long as they may wish to stay there. Many of the residents are also supported through attendance at Crossfields Day Centre. There are currently two staff vacancies at the hostel.

HOSTEL MANAGER

As Manager, you will be responsible for the day-to-day smooth running of the Hostel in all its aspects. You will be expected to provide leadership and support to a dedicated team of care-workers and to work closely with the (voluntary) Management Committee and the General Secretary of CAMH. You must be able to take your part in the longer-term development of the Hostel, as well as maintaining current high standards of care of the residents.

The successful candidate will have had prior experience in the field of mental health, and will have proven their ability to lead a staff team. Previous experience of residential work would be an advantage.

Salary: £9,282 pa incl ILW (to be reviewed) for a 38-hour week. Sleep-in allowance currently £6.22.

HOSTEL CARE-WORKER

As a full member of the staff team at Camden Park House, you will be expected to take your share of day-to-day management of the Hostel. You will be jointly responsible with the other staff for the quality of the care, and for helping to create a warm and supportive atmosphere so as to ensure and promote the welfare of each individual resident.

You will report to the Hostel Manager, and through her/him, to the Management Committee and the General Secretary of CAMH.

The post involves evening and week-end rota duties as well as sleeping-in duties, for which a special allowance (currently £6.22) is paid. You will frequently be on duty alone.

Salary: £8,327 pa incl ILW (to be reviewed) for a 38-hour week.

For both posts, please write for a detailed job description and an application form to: The General Secretary, Camden Association for Mental Health, 5-6 Anglers Lane, London NW5 3DG. For informal discussion, phone James Mosse: 01-485 3021.

Closing date for applications: 8th May, 1985.

Registered Charity No: 255833

We gratefully acknowledge funding from Camden and the GLC.

Affiliated to MIND

WANDLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

HOUSING OFFICER

Additional Housing Officer required, based in Balham, SW12.

To be responsible for managing approximately 250 of the Association's 1,200 fair rent stock.

All round experience of housing management, together with sound knowledge of housing benefit and DHSS procedures are essential, and a commitment for maintaining and extending good management services.

The post is graded NJC Scale 4/6, Point 19-30 (£6,555-£9,114), plus London Weighting of £1,248.

The person appointed will require a current driving licence — NJC Essential User Allowances are paid.

Wandle does not discriminate in staff selection and welcomes applications from suitably experienced people.

Please apply in writing for an application form, giving brief details of qualifications and experience to date, to:

15 Balham Grove, SW12 8AZ.

Closing date: 24th May 1985.

HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Deputy County Surveyor
£23,283 - £25,779

This top management post in Hampshire will become vacant when the present post holder retires at the end of October this year.

The County Surveyor's Department is currently responsible for a transportation revenue budget of £35m together with a waste disposal revenue budget of £5½m and an extensive capital programme.

Applications for this key post are invited from Chartered Engineers with extensive and relevant experience in senior management.

The post is located in Winchester and further details and application forms can be obtained from the Personnel Officer, County Surveyor's Department, The Castle, Winchester. (Tel: Winchester 54411 Ext.7225) quoting reference 7784.

The closing date for applications is 4th June 1985.

DONCASTER HEALTH AUTHORITY

is fully committed to introducing the recommendations of the Government Inquiry into NHS Management and is seeking applications from managers with exceptional leadership qualities and who can demonstrate a proven record of successful management with a large organisation to undertake the challenging opportunities offered following appointment as

UNIT GENERAL MANAGER

to one of the following units of management:

(a) Doncaster Royal Infirmary—circa £20,000
(Budget £20m, Total staff 2,070)
(b) Montague Hospital, Mexborough—circa £14,500
(Budget £3m, Total staff 343)
(c) Services for the Elderly and the Mentally Ill—circa £18,500
(Budget £6m, Total staff 840)
(d) Services for the Mentally handicapped—circa £15,500
(Budget £3m, Total staff 391)
(e) Community Health Services and Health Promotion—circa £17,000
(Budget £4m, Total staff 583)

Unit General Managers will be accountable to the District General Manager for the allocation of resources in the most effective way and will be members of the Senior Management Team.

Initially the appointments will be for fixed periods of between three to five years and may be extended by mutual agreement.

Remuneration will be negotiable.

Application forms and further information is available from the District Personnel Officer, Doncaster Health Authority, York House, Cleveland Street, Doncaster DN1 3EH, telephone number (0302) 67051, to whom completed forms marked 'In Confidence' should be returned by 31st May, 1985.

Training Officer
Welfare Rights Grade SO1
Salary £9,477-£10,107 pa plus £1,017 LW and supplements

This is a newly-created post, centrally based, in the Chief Executive's department. The person appointed will plan and carry out training for Council staff and members of Voluntary Organisations, and help to produce the Local Welfare Rights Bulletin and other updating materials.

Applicants must have extensive knowledge of the current Welfare Benefits System, good communicative skills, and a commitment to increasing benefit take-up, particularly among women, members of Black and other Ethnic Minorities, and people with Disabilities.

Car Allowance and Flexible working hours are available.

Informal enquiries to Liz Skinner, Welfare Rights Co-ordinator. Tel 01-903 1400 ext 8342.

Application form and job description from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annexe, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middx. returnable by 31st May. Tel 01-903 0371 (24-hour Ansafone service).

Reference number C/561 must be quoted.

London Borough of BRENT *Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer Job sharers welcome*

HEAD OF TRAINING

AGE CONCERN ENGLAND wishes to appoint a Head of Training to manage a team developing a range of courses, publications and training advice services on ageing issues and skills. Activities are directed to our Age Concern movement; professionals, university, academic and training bodies. The capacity to promote a wide range of specialist and multi-disciplinary training is essential.

TRAINING OFFICER

The person appointed will develop and run a range of courses and produce training material for use by other agencies. Capacity to work on own initiative is essential.

Both positions have arisen coincidentally due to career change and development.

Appointees will be based at our Mitcham offices with frequent attendance at our residential Training Resource Centre in Birmingham and elsewhere.

Current salary for Head of Training £9,650-£11,665 and for Training Officer £9,006-£10,534 (job evaluation exercise including both positions is pending). Contributory pension scheme, equivalent five weeks' annual leave, subsistence and travel allowances.

Please write for further details and application form to:

AGE CONCERN
Head of Personnel
Age Concern England
Bernard Sunley House
60 Pitcairn Rd, Mitcham
Surrey CR4 3LL

Closing date: 22nd May, 1985.

NORTH EAST WORK TRUST

Wallsend Youth Unit

A Centre for Intermediate Treatment and Youth Activity Programmes

Unit Director
(£10,716 to £11,562)

This well established Unit provides a range of day and evening programmes for adolescent youngsters who are at risk of being removed from home into local authority care or custody. This voluntary agency works in close partnership with North Tyneside MBC. We have pioneered several new approaches including day care, community assessment and a girls' work project.

The Trust now seeks a new Director to lead the Unit into the next phase of its development. The I.T. and Children's Resources in North Tyneside have recently been reorganised and this Youth Unit will provide programmes involving both the Social Services and Education Departments (who will be jointly involved in the management). Applicants should have experience in both an educational and youth social work setting, be capable of leading a multi-disciplinary staff team, and preferably be professionally qualified. The Unit has recently attracted funding for a further three years.

Further details and application forms are available from the North East Work Trust, 67 Charlotte Street, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear NE28 7PU.

Closing date for applications: 22nd May, 1985.

The North East Work Trust is an equal opportunities employer.

ISLINGTON HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mental Health Co-ordinator
Salary Scale: £10,911 inclusive of London Weighting

The Authority is committed to the development of a variety of locally-based services and wishes to maximise the opportunity of undertaking this in parallel with the transfer of patients from a large hospital.

This post will be a focal point for the co-ordination of the Authority's planning and implementation programme for mental health seminars, involving liaison with the local authority and non-statutory sector. Experience in the mental health field would be useful: applicants would be considered from any discipline. The post is for a fixed term of two years to enable developments to be progressed and future needs assessed.

For informal discussion phone Geoff Smith: 01-272 3070, Ext. 4556.

For job description and application form contact District Personnel Officer, Whittington Hospital, Highgate Wing, London N19, or telephone 01-272 3070, Ext. 4116.

CLOSING DATE: 24th May, 1985.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

ELLISON HOUSE PROBATION HOSTEL
requires

A DEPUTY WARDEN
and
ASSISTANT WARDENS

Ellison House is a probation hostel for seventeen men, aged 17+. It is Approved and Funded by the Home Office and Managed by the Southwark Diocesan Council for Social Aid. The Staff work closely with the Probation Service, but are expected to take a great deal of responsibility, individually for residents in the Hostel.

DEPUTY WARDEN

We need a person with experience, preferably of Probation Hostels, who will work on the rota system, but who can take the extra responsibility as Deputy to the Warden. This person will be required to act for the Warden in his absence, but also will be involved in management decisions as part of the responsibilities of the post. (The job description for Deputy Warden is subject to some current review by the Management Committee). RASC Conditions of Service.

Salary: Grade 4; £7,524 to £8,820 (plus London Weighting £1,248).

ASSISTANT WARDENS

We need persons who can take responsibility; who enjoy working within a Staff Team; and who will work, with support, with clients who can present behavioural problems and are often burdened with recidivist histories. RASC Conditions of Service

Salary: Grade 3; £6,555 to £7,746 (plus London Weighting £1,248).

We regret accommodation is not available for either post. The Management is committed to developing a programme of Training and Support suitable for each member of the Staff Team. Informal enquiries or visits are welcomed. For copies of job descriptions and application forms please contact:

Tony Evans, WARDEN, Ellison House, 370 Albany Road, London SE5 0AJ. Telephone 01-703 3332, 01-703 9891.

CLOSING DATE FOR RETURN OF APPLICATION FORMS 24th MAY, 1985.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

UNITED KINGDOM HOUSING TRUST

HOUSING OFFICER
HOUNSLOW

SALARY: £7,380 (qualified) £6,780 (unqualified) (SALARY includes £655 Outer London Weighting and car allowance (July Review))

The Trust require an experienced person to join the regional team. The duties will include responsibility for the day to day management of a number of fair rent properties. Housing Management Function is undergoing re-organisation and the appointee will participate in that process with the object of providing a forward looking and responsible service to a multi-cultural community.

UKHT
Claire Roberts
Personnel Officer
U.K.H.T.
167 Oxford Street
London W1R 1TA
Tel. 01-434 2211

Closing date: 22nd May 1985.

U.K.H.T. is an equal opportunities employer.

AGE CONCERN BRENT
requires

PENSIONERS' HEALTH CARE PROJECT OFFICER
Salary £9,339 p.a. full-time

PENSIONERS' HEALTH RESOURCE CENTRE ORGANISER
Salary £4,803 p.a. for 18 hours per week

Closing date: 27th May

Contact Ann Bond, 120 Craven Park Road, London NW10. Telephone: 01-965 7711

Age Concern Brent is an equal opportunities employer.

Public Appointments appear every Wednesday in THE GUARDIAN

TRUST FOR LINCOLNSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY

POTTERY RESEARCHER
(Post-Roman)

Experienced Pottery Researcher required for the preparation of reports on post-Roman pottery from the city of Lincoln.

Salary S4-S6, £8,555-£9,114 per annum.

Applications giving relevant details of experience and two referees to The Administrator, Trust for Lincolnshire Archaeology, The Sessions House, Lindum Road, Lincoln LN2 1PS, Tel (0522) 21754.

Further details will be supplied to applicants.

Closing date 20th May, 1985.

We need your skills to develop use of computers in Social Services

PRINCIPAL OFFICER
(INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)
£11,373 to £12,219

We require a person with flair and imagination to manage, promote and co-ordinate the implementation of information systems through computer development within the department. You will play a key role in determining priorities and strategy in the introduction of overall computer development for Social Services.

You should be educated to degree level or equivalent and have a high level of computer skills, particularly with micro-computers. A local government background would be an advantage but is not essential. You should be able to demonstrate an understanding of Social Services. Ref. 6787.

Application form and further details from: The Recruitment Officer, Personnel Department, Town Hall, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Forest Road, E17. Tel.: 01-531 8888 (24-hour answering service). Closing date: 24th May, 1985.

CO-ORDINATOR @ £8,700
and
TWO ASSISTANT CO-ORDINATORS
@ £7,350

For a three year programme of job creation for handicapped people. The candidate appointed will work as a team to facilitate the development of a consortium of six co-operatives involving 96 jobs. These businesses will offer a range of goods and services to handicapped people generally, voluntary organisations, small businesses and public bodies.

Between them the successful candidates will offer a working experience of the handicapped, engineering and industry and commerce generally. A keenness to take opportunities is of decisive importance.

Further details from and applications with C.V. to: **G. J. Kinsella, The Greenbank Project, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool L17 1AG. Tel. 051-733 7255.**

Closing date: 23 May 1985

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WORKING FOR LONDON

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer.
We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.
Job sharing arrangements are open to all applicants.

Personnel Planner

There are two main areas of responsibility: providing and interpreting data on personnel issues for Council Members and management; and extending the coverage of computerised personnel information and systems.
Proven ability in analysing problems and information requirements in developing working systems is essential, coupled with the capacity to handle/interpret numerical data and provide written commentary.
£13,065–£14,781 inc. Ref: PE6191.
Write to PE Staff Section, Room 325 or tel: 01-633 5728/6650.

Regional Planner

To provide technical support to the London & South East Regional Planning Conference (SERPLAN), constituted by local authorities in the area as an organisation for study and discussion of regional planning/transportation issues, development of joint policies and co-ordination of action. Duties include development of studies, providing policy advice and preparation/presentation of reports.
Experience in handling planning issues at structure plan level essential, together with good analytical, presentation and interpersonal skills, initiative and the ability to work under pressure.
£11,325–£13,065 inc. Ref: DG6136
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Housing Statisticians

To work on the collection, analysis and presentation of statistics relating to Londoners' housing needs and problems and to provide statistical/computer support to researchers working on housing policy issues.
For both posts applicants should have a degree with a substantial mathematical, statistical/computer science content or relevant work experience together with a sound understanding of analysis and presentation of statistical data: **Senior Statistician** with proven ability to communicate technical ideas to non-specialists and experience of large mainframe computers.
£11,325–£13,065 inc. Ref: HG6189.
Statistician with the ability to acquire the above skills.
£9,255–£11,325 inc. Ref: HG6190.
Write to HG Staff Section, Room IB2N or tel: 01-633 4771.

Grants Assessment & Monitoring Officer

The provision of grant-aid to voluntary and community groups is a major priority of the Council. This post plays a central role in the funding process both in assessing new grant applications and monitoring the performance of groups receiving assistance. Preparing reports to committee and attending meetings and dealing with enquiries and correspondence are an important part of the work.
Proven report-writing skills, initiative, and the ability to deal tactfully with people at all levels are essential, backed by an understanding of and commitment to the Council's grants policy.
£11,325–£13,065 inc. Ref: DG6203.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Research Officer
Social Surveys

To contribute to the design, management, analysis and reporting of various types of social survey, taking full project responsibility.
Applicants should have a degree plus some survey experience, including producing computer tabulations. Good presentation and communication skills and the ability to work to deadlines under pressure are essential.
£9,255–£11,325 inc. Ref: DG6202.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203, or tel: 01-633 2390.
Application forms must be returned by 24 May 85.

To obtain your form write to the appropriate Staff Section, quoting the ref. and room number on the envelope, to: GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Or telephone the number given.

GLC Working for London — LONDON AGAINST RACISM

Policy Officer (Part-Time)

Up to £8,745 for 17½ hours p.w.
This post is within the Forward Planning Division of the Borough's Planner's Service — the division is responsible for the planning policy and information, local plans and development briefs, conservation and design, and for a programme of environmental improvements. You will be responsible for a variety of planning policy review work to keep up to date the Borough Plan adopted by the Council in 1984. You will also be expected to contribute to other projects within the department. You should have several years relevant experience as well as membership of the RTPI or an appropriate qualification. You will also be expected to demonstrate an awareness of the racial dimension in Planning.
Grade is up to PO2, subject to experience and qualifications. The post is Part-Time — the pattern of working hours to be agreed with the successful applicant. To discuss the post ring Robert Erskine, Assistant Borough Planner on 01-871 6628.
Application Form and Job Description from Personnel Section, Technical Services Department, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Tel: 01-871 6899. Closes 24th May, 1985.

Wandsworth
an equal opportunity employer
All applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the job irrespective of disablement, race, sex or marital status.

Housing Worker

Patchwork Community is a Housing Association providing shared housing (mainly short-life) for over 800 people London wide. We are looking for a Housing Worker to deal with the day-to-day management of our permanent shared housing schemes. The person appointed will have a background of housing management, ideally with experience of shared housing. She/he would also have an interest in the housing of people with special needs. Driving licence essential. Salary £8944 pa (under review) plus car allowance. **For application form and further details please contact Kathy Morrison, Patchwork Community Ltd, 44b Islington Park Street, London N1 1PX. Tel: 01-359 1545.** *Patchwork is an equal opportunities employer.* Closing date 24 May 1985.

COUNSELLOR REQUIRED

for 12 to 15 hours per week. Mainly individual work with group general practice in Hackney. Salary £3,500 to £4,000 p.a. subject to experience and qualifications.
For further information and job description please contact: **Alison Compton at Lower Clapton Health Centre. 01-986 7111. Closing date: 31st May**

Principal Employee Relations Officer (Industrial Relations) (Ref M.87)
Principal Employee Relations Officer (Personnel Development) (Ref M.88)

Salaries: £13,491 — £14,574 inclusive
The Directorate of Management Services has recently reorganised, and now consists of three new divisions — Corporate Personnel, Management and Information Technology, and Management and Computing Services. The Corporate Personnel Division comprises three groups responsible for Employee Relations, Equal Opportunity, and Training and Recruitment.
The Employee Relations Group is responsible for Industrial Relations, Personnel Development, Central Staff Safety, and Occupational Health matters. It is now proposed to fill the above posts which are located in the Employee Relations Group of the Corporate Personnel Division.
The Principal Employee Relations Officer (Industrial Relations) is responsible for a central industrial relations section of 4 posts which provides a comprehensive service to all the Council's directorates. Applicants should have in-depth experience of grievance, disciplinary and disputes procedures, together with the ability to deal with complex conditions of service issues, and should be familiar with industrial tribunal procedures. A detailed knowledge of the full range of employment legislation is essential.
The Principal Employee Relations Officer (Personnel Development) is a new post responsible for a small team of officers working on the development, implementation and monitoring of personnel policies and procedures across the Council. Candidates should have extensive operational experience, and have knowledge of a wide range of personnel policies and procedures with particular emphasis in the employee relations field. Initial priorities will include the development of a personnel policies and procedures manual and the production of a staff handbook.
For both positions, the ability to communicate effectively with all levels of management, including the preparation of reports, and with trade union representatives is of particular importance. Candidates should be able to demonstrate negotiating skills and have the ability to work under pressure and to strict deadlines.
An awareness of and commitment to the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy is required as is a particular understanding of its personnel and industrial relations aspects.
Applicants can apply for job sharing.
Application forms and further information available from The Personnel Officer, Directorate of Management Services, London Borough of Lambeth, 18 Brixton Hill, SW2. Tel: 01-274 7722 ext 3020.
Closing date 24 May 1985.
As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

LAMBETH
SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

AMENITIES DEPARTMENT
Neighbourhood Community Workers (3 Posts)

£7,866-£8,844
Vacancies exist for professionally qualified youth and community workers within a well established Neighbourhood Team. Two are permanent posts and the third is a temporary Urban Aid funded post (12 months contract).
The persons appointed will be responsible for community development work within their neighbourhood. The principal duties will entail providing support, advice, guidance and training to the voluntary committees and associations of the community centres within the area, supporting the existing community groups who use the premises, working with all interested parties to ensure the community centres are developed to fulfil their potential for the benefit of the neighbourhood.
Salary and Conditions of Service are in accordance with the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth Workers and Community Centre Wardens — Range 3 Points (1-5).
Relocation expenses are available in approved cases.
Any enquiries should be made to Paul Jelley, Assistant Community Officer (Neighbourhoods), on Norwich (0603) 622233, Ext. 548. Application forms and further details are available from the Director of Amenities, 15 Chapel Field East, Norwich NR2 1RN on receipt of a large s.a.e.
Closing date for applications is 22nd May, 1985.
Norwich is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

CITY OF NORWICH

shape HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD. (BIRMINGHAM)

HOUSING ASSISTANT

Salary £8,262 (equivalent scale 4)
Shape is an association working hard on a wide range of inner city housing problems. We seek to employ a Housing Assistant to complete our team of 3, who will be responsible for all aspects of our housing management service for tenants living in homes ranging from short-life houses to new build schemes. Preference will be given to candidates with relevant experience, but more important will be the ability to understand inner city issues and offer appropriate solutions.
Full job description, and latest Annual Report available on request. A current driving licence is essential.
Applications in writing, with full c.v. to Chris Kenny, Assistant Director, (Housing Services), Shape Housing Association, 1 Albert Street, Birmingham B4 7TX, not later than May 24th, quoting reference G/6.
Shape is an equal opportunities employer.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

Salaried on the scale £22,923 to £25,167, to take charge of the Council's Housing Department, industrial estates and other corporate property including responsibility for estates surveying, valuation, architectural and quantity surveying services.
Additionally, the Director will be expected to participate in the newly constituted Officers Management Board as one of the four principal policy advisers to the Council, its four Committees and Executives.
The successful applicant will have a sound professional background in a relevant discipline with experience in staff and property management.
Applicants for the previously advertised post need not apply but will be taken into consideration.
Further details and an application form are available on request from The Town Clerk, P.O. Box 6, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER, to whom applications should be submitted no later than the 24th May, 1985.

Director
c.£22,500
... for the London Boroughs Grant Scheme*

The Local Government Bill, now before Parliament, provides for the London boroughs jointly to make a London wide scheme for grants to voluntary organisations. The scheme can be made immediately after royal assent to the Bill, though grants will not be payable until 1st April 1986. A number of the boroughs consider it essential to begin preparations for the scheme now and are seeking to appoint a Director for the scheme.
The Director will head a professional unit, based at Twickenham, and be responsible — once the legislation is enacted by Parliament and the scheme has been designed — to all the London Boroughs. This will involve responsibility for effectively managing the distribution of several million pounds of grant each year to the voluntary sector and monitoring the use made of it.
The successful candidate will have a strong and dynamic personality, with a breadth of management experience and a deep interest in, and knowledge of, the voluntary sector. The ability to lead and inspire the Grants Unit, establish good relations with the head of voluntary organisations of every kind and present facts and advice to elected members clearly and succinctly both orally and in writing is essential. Also important is the vision and ability to establish the scheme for collective grant-giving on a sound and efficient basis, to complement but not overlap with grant-giving by individual authorities.
For further details and an application form please contact R.L. Harbord, London Borough of Richmond, Municipal Offices, Twickenham TW1 3AA. Tel: 01-841 1411 ext. 259.
Completed application forms are to be returned no later than 24th May, 1985.
*Issued by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames on behalf of a number of the London Boroughs in preparation for a collective grant-giving scheme.

SOLON SOUTH-EAST HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD
235 Queen's Road, Peckham, London SE15 2NG.

Solon South-East is a developing Housing Association currently managing 500 fair rented properties in Southwark and Lewisham. We run as an equal pay collective of 22 workers responsible to a voluntary management committee. Commitment, but not necessarily experience of working collectively, is essential. All workers share in day-to-day management.

DEVELOPMENT WORKERS
(2 Posts)

There is a development team of 4 buying and co-ordinating the development of approximately 40 properties a year for fair rent housing in Southwark and Lewisham (re-habilitation and new building) and acts as development agent for other housing groups.
Would suit someone with familiarity with any of the following: administration work in a housing association; property purchase/valuation; building administration/surveying; knowledge of the building contract; other administrative skills.

FINANCE WORKER

We are looking for a Finance Worker to work in a team of 3 which provide the entire range of financial accounting and bookkeeping services for the association. The team's work includes: rent accounting; basic bookkeeping services; salaries; insurance; budgeting and preparation of final accounts. Experience in at least some of the areas is essential and use of micro computers would be useful.
Pay is £11,684 per annum plus dependant allowance.
Please ring for an application form on: 01-639 8668/9.
Closing date Monday, 3rd June, 1985.
WE ARE LOOKING FOR WORKERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO ANTI-RACIST AND ANTI-SEXIST POLICIES AND PRACTICES. WE POSITIVELY WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF ALL RACIAL GROUPS, AND DISABLED PEOPLE. OUR OFFICE IS NOT ADAPTED FOR THE USE OF PEOPLE WITH WHEELCHAIR DISABILITIES.

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKERS
Put your experience to work

Over the last fifteen years we have gained a reputation for putting our experience to work for our clients. It's a reputation built on professional standards and attention to detail.
We can now offer you the opportunity to put your experience to good use as a Senior Residential Social Worker with us.
We have immediate positions available in London and throughout the country. If you have several years experience and are preferably qualified then this is the move you could be looking for.
As well as full time residential positions we also have vacancies for experienced Field Workers.

Reliance Social Care — Reliance Social Care Service, 18 John St, London WC1N 2DL — **01-242 8558**

ASIAN SHELTERED RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION LTD

JOB WITH A DIFFERENCE!

The ASRA project is the first Asian registered housing association providing housing for single Asian women and elderly Asians. It also runs a community transport scheme and currently employs eight members of staff.
We are seeking to appoint a dynamic person for a very challenging job as a

CO-ORDINATOR

with knowledge of developing housing in the voluntary sector and some experience of responsibility for other staff.
Knowledge of Asian languages essential.
Salary £10,750 (SO1) including LW. The post is currently funded by the GLC until April, 1986.
Closing date for applications: 24th May, 1985, and interviews will be held 31st May, 1985.
For further information please contact Mr G. Lamos, ASRA, 5 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1, Tel 01-928 9379.

COMMUNITY SOLICITOR

We are looking for a Solicitor, preferably three-year qualified, to fill an established post in our small Advice Centre in Earls Court.
Major areas of work are landlord/tenant, employment, welfare rights and immigration. Experience in at least one of these would be useful.
The post is GLC funded until March, 1986: it is hoped that continued funding will be forthcoming.
Salary on scale SO2.
For job description and application form please contact NUCLEUS, 298 Old Brompton Road, London SW5, Tel 01-373 1379.

DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Required by Rochdale and District Tenants' Federation to support work of the Federation and encourage growth of new tenants' groups.
Experience in community work, knowledge of housing issues, good communicator at all levels, prepared to work flexible hours, must have clean driving licence. Experience more important than qualifications.
Salary Scale: SS £7,524 to £9,114.
Written applications only with s.a.e. to The Management Committee, Rochdale and District Tenants' Federation, 36 The Strand, Kirkholt, Rochdale.
Closing date 7th June, 1985.

MENTAL HEALTH

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE MIND ASSOCIATION
MIND SOCIAL CENTRE
North Shore Methodist Church, Dickson Rd, Blackpool FY1 2AP. Tel 0253 26957
A MALE GROUP WORKER
is required for the above Day Care Centre for the recovering mentally ill.
Salary £5,769-£6,249
Applicants for this post should have experience of working with groups or counselling. Closing Date: May 31. 1985.

COMMUNITY WORK

VOLUNTEERS
Glasgow Simon seeks Full-time Volunteers to work with long-term single homeless. Live-in six months commitment, including trial month, in male or female projects. Full subsistence, pocket money and holiday allowances — national and local training opportunities.
Contact:
Nicky, Jim or Rebecca at 041-554 7790

ADVICE / INFORMATION WORKER for Trades Union and Community Resources Centre: 25 hours per week; exp of work with Asian or Afro-Caribbean communities. Details to: TUCRIC. Tel: (0532) 439633.

ADMINISTRATION

Hopscotch Under Five Limited
A Voluntary Organisation in Brent
ADMINISTRATOR
Administrative and office skills essential. Commitment to development of anti-sexist and anti-racist practices. Knowledge of the voluntary sector and apptitude for figures an advantage.
Salary £9,308 to £9,890 per annum pro rata. Hours 17½ (under review).
Send a stamped addressed envelope for application and details to: Helen Durnford, Hopscotch, 215A Chevening Road, NW6. Closing date May 24, 1985.
Hopscotch is an equal opportunity employer

COURSES

ST GODRIC'S COLLEGE, LONDON. Secretarial, Business and Language Courses. Word Processor Training. Scholarships and grants available. Resident and Day Students. The Registrar (TG), 3 Arkwright Road, London NW3 6AD. Tel 01-435 9831.

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

SENIOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTITIONER (MENTAL ILLNESS)
3 POSTS £10,404/£11,025 per annum

As part of its response to the Mental Health Act 1983 the Social Services Department is establishing three Senior Social Work Practitioner posts to enhance and develop its services to the mentally ill.
The posts are key elements in the overall service provision and to fill them we require social workers with at least three years' post-qualification experience. In addition they must be able to demonstrate knowledge, experience, commitment and enthusiasm in all areas of work with the mentally ill.
The postholders will be involved in:
- developing services to the mentally ill
- providing a consultative service to other staff working with the mentally ill
- direct work with the mentally ill

The right candidates will find that these posts offer opportunity, challenge and a high degree of job satisfaction.
For informal discussion please contact Mr. John Watson, Principal Officer, Fieldwork, South East Division. Tel.: Bolton 398000.
Further details available. Closing date: 22nd May.

ESTATE MANAGER
SO2 £10,404/£11,025

The Council is extending its estate based housing management service and is looking for a capable and experienced person who is seeking a new challenge in the field of housing management. The new estate offices will be responsible for the provision of a full housing management service to an estate containing up to 1,200 properties. This will include estate management, rent collection, arrears monitoring/pursuance, allocations and lettings, void control, repair reporting and advice about housing and welfare benefits. The Estate Manager will supervise a team of Assistant Estate Managers and Caretakers and work closely with other agencies who provide services to the estate. A further important role will be to strengthen the links between local Tenants' Associations and the Council. The work is exacting and challenging and there is much to be done to improve housing conditions on the estate. He/she will need to be self-motivated and have an innovative and flexible approach to housing issues.
Further details available. Closing date: 22nd May.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CROAL IRWELL VALLEY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Invites applications for the post of

WARDEN
£6,081/£7,329

The successful candidate will have a good general education and be proficient in countryside recreation management. He/she will have a mature and flexible attitude to work, with a willingness to adapt to the changing needs of a developing Warden Service. Experience in administrative work and the control of staff will be a strong recommendation. Applicants should hold a current full driving licence. A casual car user's allowance is payable.
Further details available. Closing date: 22nd May.
Application forms are available from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Bolton, BL1 1RU (Tel. 22311, Extns. 587 and 6105) to be returned by the dates stated. Trade Union Membership is a condition of service.
An Equal Opportunity Employer

NEWHAM HOUSING SERVICES
homes for living in
NORTH WOOLWICH & SILVERTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING SERVICE

Estate Manager

Grade SO1 — Salary £10,134-£10,764 pa incl
North Woolwich and Silvertown in Newham's Dockland is geographically isolated and suffers a high degree of social and economic deprivation.
In order to provide a more responsive and sensitive housing service for the community, a Neighbourhood Office has been established and an Estate Manager is required to work as part of the team which is responsible for public sector housing management in the area.
The job will appeal to you if you enjoy a challenge and can display a real sense of commitment to the delivery of a personalised housing service. The successful applicant is likely to have a proven background in housing or community work.
You will be expected to take responsibility for a patch of about 500 tenancies including functions such as repairs, debt counselling, rent arrears, mobility, estate cleanliness and estate improvement. You would also be expected to play a leading role in the development of tenant participation in the management of the estates and to co-ordinate improvements.
Newham is a Borough with a multi-racial population and the Council is conscious that its policies and delivery of service should reflect the needs of the local community.
Informal enquiries concerning this post may be made to Jerry Clewett, Area Housing Manager, on 01-511 0506 8.
An application form and further details will be supplied on writing to the Director of Housing, 91 The Grove, Stratford, E15 or telephone 01-519 4337 (24-hour answerphone) quoting Reference H623.
Closing date: 24th May, 1985.
An Equal Opportunity Employer — LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS
requires

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER — TRAINING UNIT — STOKE ROCHFORD

A vacancy has arisen for the post of Training Programme Assistant in the Training Unit at the Union's residential Education and Training Centre at Stoke Rochford Hall, near Grantham, Lincolnshire.
The person appointed will be principally concerned with the administration of the Unions training programme and preparation of the course materials.
The Training Programme Assistant is responsible for the supervision of the training unit in the absence of the Membership Official.
Duties will also include responsibility for acting as clerk to the working party on the development of training for the Union. This is an interesting and varied post which involves liaison with executive members, local officers and the officials and staff of the Union.
Salary £8,810-£9,262 (appointment normally to commence on the minimum of the scale), four weeks annual leave plus generous public holidays, 34½-hour week.
Application forms are available from the Membership Official, Training Unit, Stoke Rochford Hall, Stoke Rochford, near Grantham, Lincolnshire. Tel: Great Ponton (047 683) 421/2 to be returned by 20 May, 1985.

MENCAP
THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN & ADULTS
require a

WELFARE AND BENEFITS OFFICER

Enthusiastic, experienced and capable person, preferably qualified (e.g.: Law, Social Services), to join small team in MENCAP's Welfare, Legal and Counselling Group.
Salary: £8,057 - £9,050.
For details and an application form, please send a 9 × 4 s.a.e. to :
The Personnel Department
MENCAP National Centre
123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RT
Closing date for completed applications: 17th May, 1985

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Alice Walker

Did he actually beat me on voting day?

Probably not. Pulitzer prize winner Alice Walker remembers her father and the profound influence he had on her life in spite of early conflicts

My father
(back blistered)
beat me
because I
could not
stop crying.
He'd had
enough "fuss"
he said
for one damn
voting day.

IN MY HEART, I have never wanted to be at odds with my father, but I have felt, over the years, especially when I was younger, that he gave me no choice. Perhaps if I could have relaxed and been content to be his favourite there would have been a chance for closeness but because a sister whom I loved was clearly not favourite material I did not want to be either.

When I look back over my life, I see a pattern in my relationships going back to this, and in my love relationships I have refused men who loved me (at least for a time) if they in turn were loved by another woman but did not love her in return. I am the kind of woman who could positively forbid a married lover to leave his wife.

This is one of my earliest poems as an adult, written after an abortion of which my father would not have approved, in which I felt that visceral understanding of a situation that for a poet can mean a poem. My father far away in the South, me in a college in the North — how far away from each other! Yet in the pain of the moment and the illumination of some of what was wrong between us, how close.

If he ever read the poem, I wonder what he thought. We never discussed my work, though I thought he tended to become more like some of my worst characters the older he became. I remember going home once and being told by my mother of some of the curses he was capable of, and hardly believing her, since the most I'd ever heard my father say was "God damn!" and I could count the number of times on toes and hands. (In fact, his favourite curse, when a nail refused to go straight or he dropped the hammer on his sore corn was "Goddamn the goddamn luck to the devil!" which always sounded rather ineffectual and humorous to me, and which, thinking it, I hear him say and see his perspiring dark face.)

Did he actually beat me on voting day? Probably not. I suppose the illegal abortion caused me to understand what living under other people's politics can force us to do. The only time I remember him beating me was one day after he'd come home tired and hungry from the dairy (where he and my brothers milked a large herd of cows morning and afternoon) and my brother Bobby, three years older than me and a lover of chaos, and I were fighting. He had started it, of course. My mother, sick of our noise, spoke to my father about it, and without asking questions he took off his belt and flailed away, indiscriminately, at the two of us.

Why do certain things stick in the mind? I recall a scene, much earlier, when I was only three or so, in which my father questioned me about a fruit jar I had accidentally broken. I felt he knew I had broken it, at the same time I couldn't be sure. Apparently breaking it was, in any event, the wrong thing to have done. I could say Yes, I broke the jar, and risk a whipping for breaking something valuable, or No, I did not break it, and perhaps bluff my way through.

I've never forgotten my feeling that he really wanted me to tell the truth. And because he seemed to desire it — and the moments during which he waited for my reply seemed quite out of time, so much so I can still feel them, and, as I said, I was only three, if that — I confessed. I broke the jar, I said. I think he hugged me. He probably didn't, but I still feel as if he did, so embraced did I feel by the happy relief I noted on his face and by the fact that he didn't punish me at all, but seemed, instead, pleased with me. I think it was at that moment that I resolved to take my chances with the truth, although as the years rolled on I was to break more serious things in his scheme of things than fruit jars.

It was the unfairness of the beating that keeps it fresh in my mind. (And this was 37 years ago!) And my disappointment at the deterioration of my father's ethics. And yet, since I am never happy in my heart estranged from my father, any more than I would be happy shut off from sunlight, in writing this particular poem I tried to see my father's behaviour in a context larger than our personal relationship.

Actually, my father was two fathers.

To the first four of his children he was one kind of father, to the second set of four he was another kind. Whenever I talk to the elder set I am astonished at the picture they draw, for the man they describe bears little resemblance to the man I knew. For one thing, the man they knew was physically healthy, whereas the man I knew was almost always sick; not sick enough to be in bed, or perhaps he was but with so many children to feed he couldn't afford to lie down, but "dragging around" sick, in the manner of the very poor. Overweight, high blood pressure, diabetes, or, as it was called "sugar," rotten teeth, etc.

There are certain *facts*, however, that identify our father as the same man; one of which is that, in the thirties my father was one of the first black men to vote in Eatonton, Georgia among a group of men like himself, mainly poor sharecroppers with large families, totally at the mercy of the white landlords, he helped organise. He voted for Roosevelt. He was one of the leading supporters of the local one room black school and according to everyone who knew him then, including my elder brothers and sister, believed in education above all else. Years later, when I knew him, he seemed fearful of both education and politics and disappointed and resentful as well.

And why not? Though he risked his life and livelihood to vote more than once, nothing much changed in his world. Cotton prices continued low. Dairying was hard. White men and women continued to run things, badly. In his whole life my father never had a vacation. (Of course my mother had even less of one; she could not even get in the car and drive off to town, as he could).

Education merely seemed to make his children more critical of him. When I went South in the mid-Sixties to help register voters I stopped by our house to say hello but never told either of my parents what I planned to do. I didn't want them to worry about my safety and it never occurred to me they cared much about the vote.

My father was visibly ill, paranoid, complaining of my mother's religious activities (she had become a Jehovah's Witness) the whole time. Then, for no apparent reason, he'd come out with one of those startlingly intelligent comments about world affairs or some absolutely clear insight into the deficiencies of national leaders and I would be reminded of the father I didn't know.

For years I have held on to another early memory of my life between the ages of two and four. Every afternoon a tired but jolly very black man came up to me with *arms* outstretched. I flew into them to be carried, to be hugged, to be kissed. For years I thought this black man was my father.

But, no. It was my oldest brother, Fred, whose memories of my father are, surprisingly, as painful as *my* memories of him, because as my father's first child, and a son, he was subjected to my father's very confused notions of what constituted behaviour suitable for a male. And of course my father himself didn't really know. He was in his late teens, a child himself, when he married. His mother had been murdered, by a man who claimed to love her, when he was eleven. His father, to put it very politely, drank, and terrorised his children.

My father was so confused that when my sister Ruth appeared in the world and physically resembled his mother, and sounded like his mother, and had similar expressions, he rejected her and missed no opportunity that I ever saw, to put her down. I, of course, took the side of my sister, forfeiting my chance to be my father's favourite among the second set of children as my oldest sister Mamie was favourite among the first.



JESSE JACKSON: 'My father would have loved him'

In her case the favouritism seemed outwardly caused by her very light colour, and of course, she was remarkably intelligent, as well. In my case, my father seemed partial to me because of my "smartness" and forthrightness, but more obviously because of my hair, which was the longest and "best" in the family.

And yet — my father taught me two things that have been important to me: he taught me not to bother telling lies because the listener might be delighted with the truth; and he told me never to cut my hair. Though I have tried not to lie, the sister he rejected and I loved became a beautician and one of the first things she did — partly in defiance of him — was cut my shoulder length hair.

I did not regret it so much while in high school and college, everyone kept their hair short it seemed, but years later, after I married, I grew it long again, almost as long as it had been when I was growing up. I'd had it relaxed to feathers and walked up to my father as he was talking to a neighbour and bent down a little and placed his hand on my head. I thought he'd be pleased. "A woman's hair is her glory," he'd always said. He paid little attention.

When the Black Power movement arrived with emphasis on cropped natural hair I did the job myself, filling the face bowl and bathroom floor with hair and shocking my husband when he arrived home.

Only recently have I come to believe he was right in wanting me to keep my hair. After years of short hair, of cutting my hair back each time it's raised its head, so to speak, I have begun to feel each time as if I am mutilating my antennae (which is how Rastafarians, among others, think of hair) and attenuating my power. It seems imperative not to cut my hair any more.

I didn't listen to my father because I assumed he meant that in the eyes of a *man*, in his eyes, a woman's hair is her glory. (And unfortunately he wore his own head absolutely cleanshaven all his life); and that is probably what he did mean. But now I begin to sense something else, that there is power (would an ancient translation of glory *be* power?) in uncut hair itself. The power (and glory) perhaps of the untamed, the undomesticated, in short, the wild. A wildness about the head, as the Rastas have discovered, places us somehow in the loose and spacious freedom of Jah's universe. Hippies, of course, knew this too.

As I write, my own hair reaches just below my ears. It is at the dangerous stage at which I usually butt my forehead against the mirror and in resignation over not knowing "what to do with it" cut it off. But this time I have thought ahead and have encased it in braids made of someone else's hair. I expect to wear them, braces for the hair, so to speak, until my own hair replaces them. Eventually I will be able, as I was when a child, to tie my hair under my chin. But mostly, I would like to set it free.

My father would have loved Jesse Jackson. On the night Jesse addressed the Democratic convention I stayed close to my radio. In my backwoods cabin linked to the world only by radio (and a temperamental phone) I felt something like my father, who lived most of his life before television and far from towns. He would have appreciated Jesse's oratorical gift, and, unlike some newscasters who seemed to think of it primarily as technique, he would have felt, as I did, the transformation of the spirit of the man implicit in the words he chose to say. He would have felt, as I did, that in asking for forgiveness as well as votes and for patience as well as commitment to the Democratic Party, Jackson lost nothing and won almost everything: a cleared conscience and peace of mind.

My father was never able to vote for a black candidate for any national or local political office. By the time black people were running for office and occasionally winning elections, in the late Sixties and early Seventies, he was too sick to respond with the exhilaration he must have felt.

On the night of Jackson's speech, I felt it for him; along with the grief that in neither of our lifetimes is America likely to choose the best leadership offered to it. This is the kind of leader, the kind of evergrowing, ever expanding spirit *you* might have been, daddy, I thought — and damn it, I love you for what you might have been.

And thinking of you now, merging the two fathers that you were, remembering how tightly I hugged you as a small child returning home after two long months at a favourite aunt's, and with what apparent joy you lifted me beside your cheek; knowing now, at forty, what it takes out of body and spirit to go and how much more to stay, and having learned too, by now, some of the pitiful confusions in behaviour caused by ignorance and pain, I love you just as much for what you were.

She was the one who was always there. 'The oily rag' is the way she put it



Zelda Barron, left, with Marie-Therese Relin, who stars in Secret Places



AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

ON FRIDAY, a wonderful English film, Secret Places, opens at the Plaza cinema on 58th Street. This is just the way that delicate, "specialist films" (i.e. anything without too many pretensions) like to open in New York. They come in stealthily to a boutique cinema as near as possible to the golden corner on Third Avenue and 59th Street that is the haunt of devoted movie buffs. And, it is to be hoped, a Times' review using such epithets as "haunting" and "charming" and word-of-mouth will do the rest.

Secret Places is both haunting and charming; it tells the story of a German refugee coming into a girls' school in World War II. It appeared last summer in England — and as quickly disappeared. Rank threw it to the Odeons on general release, and withdrew it smartly when it could not stand against the Oscar-winners (Terms of Endearment, Tender Mercies, Yentl). It was all very sad — not least to its first-time director Zelda Barron. How fitting it will be if the heavies at Twentieth Century Fox succeed where rank failed. And what an odd business it is that two years of dreaming and devotion can vanish in one week of High Street life?

And so, into the early morning gloom of a Manhattan preview cinema last week, marched Zelda Barron to glad-hand the Women in Film stalwarts and to field questions from gravelly-voiced veterans without too much else to do on a hot, smoggy Monday except compare notes on the importance of bottled water and houseplants in their hotel rooms at Cannes.

On the other hand, they did turn out. They puffed their fragile hair, rounded up their silvery walkers and came to applaud woman's endeavour. As a species, the woman director is not yet so common that the warmth of sisterhood will not wrap determinedly around her. Chances are that during her 35 year career in the film industry, Ms Barron has not had too much in the way of praise and wrapping around. She has all the marks of a trouper, a "luv", a good team member cast as the one who will take care of others. The back is too broad, the humour too quick. Anyway, she is loving it now, basking in the approval.

She is a large and untidily vital woman: ("Oh, once I would have loved to look in the mirror and see Ingrid Bergman"). She is not pretty but so full of life and intelligence that, in her natty trousers and checked jackets, she looks years younger than the careful, porcelain ladies around her.

Hers is a stirring tale — a long journey from the typing pool in Wardour Street. ("I wanted to go to drama school but my father wouldn't dream of doing things for the girls in the family; he thought it was a waste of money"). She left school at 14, Pitman's a year later and then worked her way up, slowly but steadily. "I always had one quality — that I had to do something well, even if I disliked it. I still do: I wash up with tremendous care, I iron incredibly well — and I think they're loathsome jobs."

Years went by: she married an actor, there were two children and still she worked — holding hands, fetching coffee, remembering everything for everyone. "I went through stages where I would have liked the option to give up work but I was always under pressure to work to keep the children in food and clothing, to be honest."

In the sixties, she found herself at Woodfall Films: Saturday Night, Sunday Morning, If ..., The Loneliness Of A Long Distance Runner, Karel Reisz, Jack Clayton, Tony Richardson. "Those," she says with gusto, "were stirring times". She was the one who was always there: continuity girl, script supervisor, personal assistant and, eventually, co-producer. "The oily rag", is the way she puts it as in: why was she never drawn into the hype, the mess, the unreality? "Oh, I've always been standing by as an oily rag so I've not had that ..."

'Maybe I've learned most from working with bad directors'

She saw it all, the nuts and bolts, the pretence, the unfairness: "I've always thought it was a privilege to work in films and I've worked with some smashing people but maybe I've learned most from working with bad directors — and I've worked with a lot of them. I think directors are very overrated — what is always missing is the contribution that key technicians make to any films. I don't think there's anything that should bear the title 'a so-and-so film'. Frankly, if you have a team of technicians cast as carefully as the actors — not even an idiot could go wrong".

Somewhere along the way, she became known as a script doctor, one who could tinker and fix, who would know whether or not something worked. Warren Beatty used her as his other pair of eyes on Reds, Barbra Streisand hired her for Yentl. How little does that fleeting credit "script supervisor" suggest to outsiders? Such anonymity never bothered her. "I had no ambition," she explains. "I enjoyed what I did immensely and I've worked with some of the best actors of all time. It was a curious privilege. I've never been an underling because that's not how it works in England, we're more of a team. I once heard Warren say on Reds: 'I never gave a fuck before about a chief grip's daughter.' That's England: A British crew that is tops is the best in the world."

She did not mean to direct exactly: her newly-formed production company optioned Janice Elliott's book, Secret Places, in 1982 and she wrote the screenplay herself. Her two partners assumed that she would direct and suddenly it became Virgin's first film project. Critical praise came too. Good old Zelda, they said in the business, she's paid her dues.

"I've had lots of praise from all sorts of people, but it's interesting that no one has actually said 'write this' or 'direct that'. I have a feeling that even if this film is well-received, I'm not going to be encouraged or offered other films as quickly as if I was a man who directed a bad film. I say that as a statement of fact — not as a statement of intense bitterness since I don't feel that. But in the film business women do have to be 101 per cent at what they do.

Men are more comfortable if you're patting them on the head and giving them food. I can understand that — I'd like someone to do that for me — we don't have much of that sort of thing."

'I'd love to direct a film no one could possibly label "a woman's film"'

The facts are, though, that she is broke. "For the first time in years I'm living off the bank ..." She has six projects waiting in hope and has paid some bills directing videos for Boy Gerge and the Culture Club. "I love George. I'm a groupie really — you should see me and my three grandchildren, we never stop bopping."

When David Puttnam heard about Secret Places, he said: "Zelda could never direct — she's too nice." She repeats that with a wicked chuckle. "It made me puke," she says. "I'd love to direct a film that no one could possibly label 'a woman's film,' a film, though, about flesh and blood. I'd love to show there's a big, tough undercurrent, here. I know I'm going to do much better next time and I'd regret it if I didn't have the chance to show that. It would be nice."

Then comes a telling remark, considering how many women in the film business sigh for their pasts, for the being who shone years ago: "I like my life at the moment," she says. "I love it. Anything that happens on top of that is a plus. 'As is', is great." Indeed.

New from the author of VIDA and BRAIDED LIVES ...

FLY AWAY HOME

MARGE PIERCY

'A GRIPPING TOUR DE FORCE'
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THE Imperial War Museum must have been unusually busy over the past months as troops of researchers combed through archives in search of suitable media material for the 40th anniversary of VE Day. Personal records have also been unearthed and **From Betty With Love** (Webb & Bower £5.95) is a typical find — moving, nostalgic, real. Betty and Bernard were both in the Royal Air Force. They met in June 1943, fell in love, became engaged.

Betty was posted to Annan in Dumfriesshire, Bernard to North Africa. Betty resolved to write to Bernard every day. She told him what she was reading (Dennis Wheatley, Gibbon, Weatherhead's Mastery of Sex); how her knitting was going; what films she had been to see, (the Man in Grey, starring James Mason and Margaret Lockwood); how many rolls her new hair style contained. Betty was clearly a good sort and full of pluck.

Other girls at the camp grew depressed and began regularly breaking down and weeping — not Betty. She responded enthusiastically to Bernard's proposal that they migrate to North Africa after the War: "I am so excited with the whole idea that I find it difficult to write at all." None of Bernard's letters are included but Betty sometimes provides clues to their contents: "There is one thing I want to ask you Darling; I hope you won't take this in the wrong way but please do not mention religion in your letters to me again. A girl can stand so much but after that something has to give way ..." Bernard was a devout Catholic.

It is a pity that there are so few editorial notes, the tragic and abrupt ending calls for some explanation: what exactly happened? Could Bernard not have added a footnote?

Nil nisi bonum is the unwritten rule when speaking of civilian behaviour during the war years. Carlton Jackson's **Who Will Take Our Children** (Methuen £9.95) provides an interesting sidelight on the plight of the four million children who were evacuated from Britain's cities at the time. Many of them came from deprived backgrounds and brought lice, disease and bad habits to their temporary homes.

Insurance companies had to invoke "war clauses" to fend off claims for damage to furniture by evacuees, or vacs as they were called. Sometimes the faults were on the side of the hosts and children complained that they were overworked and underfed. There was much haggling about maintenance payments. Visits from parents put an additional strain on foster homes. An East End mother became hysterical when she saw her child playing near trees, she was afraid the trees might fall on him: it was all the foster mother's fault. Mr Jackson sees a direct link between the evacuation programme and the later creation of the NHS. Conditions in slum areas were suddenly brought to the attention of the population at large and made clear the need for reform.

There was no masterplan for the allocation of children once they were out of the cities. In some towns they were herded into the Market Place and selected at random by their volunteer hosts; in others they were marched down streets and picked off as they appealed to the residents — a procedure that must have left lasting scars on the unchosen. The education of these children was severely disrupted, one wonders how they fared in later life as a result.

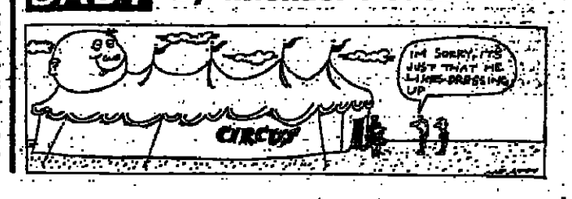
Of the children who went to America and Canada, many soon outstayed their warm welcome and relations cooled with the mother country. Winston Churchill had opposed the mass emigrations of British children and events proved him right.

There is no mention of evacuees in D'Ann Campbell's painstakingly researched **Women At War With America** (Harvard University Press £17.50). The uneasy title pun summarises the book's two-fold aim — to examine the American woman's patriotic struggle abroad, and her internal war against the male prejudice that she faced when she moved on to the factory floor and into the white collar industries to free men for fighting. "Rosie the Riveter" may have succeeded in becoming the nation's darling for the duration but once the war was over, she and the majority of blue collar women workers were laid off and their jobs given to returning veterans. Only nurses benefited permanently, with complete control of the profession passing into the hands of women.

Ms Campbell makes extensive use of statistics and one cannot help feeling that she is serving up endless twigs ("In at least one case, a wife enjoyed living with her mother more than she had with her husband,") where a broader view might have revealed some interesting woods. Even if ground gained during the War was only held temporarily, this trial run at liberation must have produced valuable lessons for future feminists in the sixties and seventies.

Deborah Singmaster

BABY By Michael Heath



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'It's a hard business. I was trying to have a life apart from this'

Nina Simone talks to John Fordham about the message behind the blues

THE CENTURY'S great American singers have all wrestled — sometimes coolly, sometimes desperately — with the drive to keep the soul alive in the avalanche of the New World.

If Frank Sinatra's secret lay in the collision between his laconic, cocky maleness and that teen-dreams vulnerability that turned phlegmatic in middle life, or Betty Carter's dynamism is the territory between sensuality and irony, Nina Simone's is in the grappling pressures and pleasures of blackness, womanhood, anger, love and the urge to be loved.

What heightens the impact of all these volatile forces in performance is that the suspense with which they hang in each other's balance is more taxing than most. Ms Simone contends with life so close to the edge of the world that part of the compulsiveness of her work is the uncertainty that she may fall off.

Nina Simone is in London for the rest of this week, in the most recent of a series of massively successful visits to the city. She was spirited away on the seventh floor of a Mayfair hotel, and though it was five o'clock in the afternoon the room was still dimly lit and the singer sat quietly, dressed only in a short white shift, access to her inner sanctum prefaced by a chorus of indications from her assistants as to what she might say, or not say, or enjoy, or be distressed by.

Though she has returned to the performing world with a bang, after a semi-retirement that began in the mid-Seventies, it is clear that since she knows what slings and arrows feel like she wants to protect herself from all the avoidable ones.

"I was trying to settle down," she says of her long lay-off, which took her from Liberia, to Switzerland and then to France. "I was trying to get out of the music business. Because it's too *hard*. It's a hard business

And it's not fair. So I was trying to settle down and have a life apart from this." But the man she was engaged to in Liberia, who would have been her third husband, died suddenly. She missed the affection of the public, even if she still feared its voraciousness. And she found business partners she could trust.

Nina Simone was born Eunice Waymon in Tryon, North Carolina, in 1933. Her mother wanted her to be the world's greatest classical pianist — and the first black one. Ms Simone herself still insists she would have preferred it — with the implication that not only would the seriousness of her art be better recognised but that she would have been less vulnerable to the showbiz racketeers that have hovered balefully over her. "I would rather have been a classical pianist, yes."

All her statements have a brusque finality about them. The words usually used about women in her line of work — words like "blues," "soul" and "gospel" — induce that response with particular sharpness. It's not that she distrusts the tradition from which blues have come — it is one of the cornerstones of her work and burns with as fierce a flame as it does in Ray Charles — but that she knows that it comes from a vocabulary also used by whites to keep black artists in their place.

Revealing messages about the 20th century is her primary occupation. It makes her draw in European culture, sail it on the dark undercurrents of being a black American woman. She loves the work of Brecht and Weill for its prophetic force, has recorded There's No Returning and Mr Smith from Mahaggony and makes the former song a spinechilling feature of her concerts.

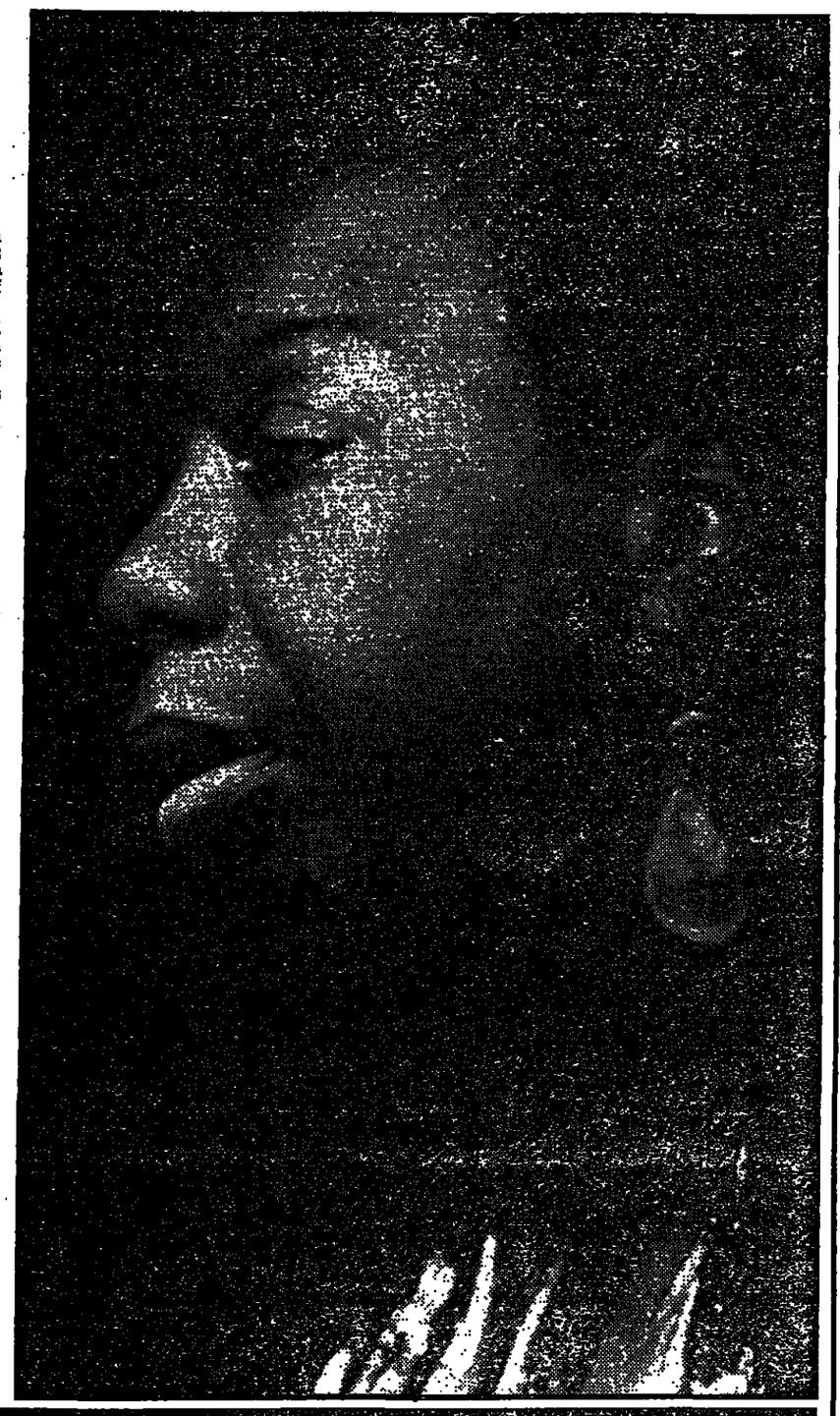
It is a more diffuse and general appraisal of an unwelcoming world than the one that aligned Nina Simone with the civil rights movement of the 1960s, when Mississippi Goddam was virtually an anthem for it. As the years have passed, the urge to protect herself has clearly grown — she says, more resigned than bitterly of the black movement "they didn't change the world" — but there is a bleakness in her injured defiance on stage that sends shivers up the spine.

Like many of the great female vernacular singers of the century — Bessie Smith, Billie Holliday, Judy Garland, Edith Piaf, Janis Joplin — Nina Simone's is a very revealing kind of "entertainment," ironic, discomfiting and cathatic. On the face of it she is loved — as her *entourage will simply put it* — "because she is a great artist," an interpreter of good songs in ways that illuminate the emotional chords they strike. She is also crucially, *not you* — she is someone reliving a life of trials before your eyes, vibrating like a tuning fork, and because it is her and not you you can relax.

Nina Simone points to a photograph on the wall. It shows her and a girl in each other's arms. The girl is beautiful and vibrant, her face in profile, looking out of the picture with confidence. "It's my daughter. She's 22 now. Lorraine Hansberry, who wrote the book from which Young Gifted And Black got its name, was her godmother." She has great hopes for her? "Of course." And hopes for the world? "I don't know. I don't have the answer, that's for damn sure."

Nina Simone is at Ronnie Scott's Club until the weekend.

● *Picture of Nina Simone by Allen Titmuss*



Edward Greenfield reviews the cheaper compact discs now on offer

Beaming in on a bargain

THOSE who have been complaining about the high price of the new compact discs — topping the £10 mark — will be pleased to learn that this month sees the arrival of bargain CDs. DG — whose factory in Hanover has produced the great majority of CDs available here — has issued four sampler discs each containing well over an hour of music, while the firm of Pickwick, which has long specialised in bargain issues, has come up with a promising first list of a dozen issues.

Both series cost just under £7, but with the complex technology involved, and the enormous capital investment in manufacturing plants, I doubt that the price of the discs will drop much for a long time. Those hoping for price reductions in CD are more likely to find bargains in the laser-beam playing decks, already cheaper than they were when the system arrived two years ago.

DG's Festival series, like most samplers, is well-designed to tempt the new collector, rather than to provide serious listening. The Karajan Festival (415 340-2) starts with the opening fanfare of Strauss's Also sprach Zarathustra, but happily there are no other bleeding chunks, just odd movements from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker and Serenade, from Grieg's Peer Gynt and Holst's Planets, and other undemanding orchestral items like Sibelius's Finlandia and the overtures to Rossini's William Tell and Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld.

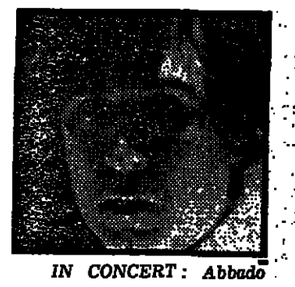
The Concert Festival has four conductors featured, Claudio Abbado, Leonard Bernstein, Karl Böhm and Lorin Maazel, in a similar but better-balanced collection (415 339-2, though it is frustrating to have just two movements of Berlioz's Fantastic Symphony (Abbado). The Opera Festival features items from complete recordings by Karajan, Abbado, Giulini and Sinopoli, ending well on the trio and the final duet from Strauss's recent version of Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier (415 341-2).

By far the most satisfying of the series is the CD exploiting DG's Archiv label (415 338-2), the Baroque Festival, with a number of complete works like Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Spring from Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, and Handel's Organ Concerto, The Cuckoo and the Nightingale, all with Trevor Pinnock and the English Concert. Reinhard Goebel's excellent Musica Antiqua of Cologne is also represented, and the organist Ton Koopman plays Bach's D minor Toccata and Fugue.

It is a clear sign of changing taste that almost all the items are of authentic performances, and the Pickwick list is similarly interesting for concentrating on Mozart and the baroque repertory rather than romantic warhorses. From LP I know only two of the promised issues, but both those are excellent, James Judd and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe in overtures by Beethoven and Rossini, as well as Wagner's Siegfried Idyll (PCD 805) and James Galway playing Mozart's two flute concertos with the New Irish Chamber Orchestra (PCD 807).

Galway playing in a Mozart concerto, but with far sleeker accompaniment (Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic), is featured in one of the first issues (EG 29 0304-1) in the new HMV Master Series on LP and cassette. This time it is the Flute and Harp Concerto with Karajan positively encouraging Galway's individuality. On the reverse his then Berlin colleague, Andreas Blau plays the solo flute concerto, K 313.

At mid-price, the first batch of the Master Series includes many attractive bargains, most of them taken



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Concert dates

Slatkin/St Louis Symphony Orchestra/Stern. Festival Hall, tonight 7.30. Here to launch the American Festival, this orchestra has been rising rapidly in the American league thanks in great measure to its music director, Leonard Slatkin. As well as Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with Isaac Stern as soloist, Slatkin conducts Bernstein's Facsimile and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8.

Salonen / Philharmonia. Festival Hall, tomorrow 7.30. The Philharmonia was so impressed with the young Finn, Esa-Pekka Salonen, that he was appointed principal guest conductor. Here, with Mitsuko Uchida as soloist, he conducts Bartok's Third Piano Concerto and Bruckner's Sixth Symphony.

Solti LPO/Perahia. Festival Hall, Friday 7.30. The combination of the poetic Perahia and the electric Solti in Schumann's Piano Concerto should prove fascinating. Also in the programme, Stravinsky's Firebird Suite and Brahms's First Symphony.

Tennstedt/LPO and Choir/Lupu. Festival Hall, Sunday 7.30. Janacek's Glagolitic Mass (soloists Sheila Armstrong, Ameral Gunson, Robert Tear, William Shimell) takes the LPO's music director will outside his usual repertory. Also in the programme, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 with Radu Lupu as soloist.

Giulini/Philharmonia and Chorus. Festival Hall, Tuesday and Thursday May 16, 7.30. In celebration of Klemperer's centenary, Giulini conducts a masterpiece long associated with them both, Beethoven's Missa Solemnis. Soloists: Elaine Woods, Anne Gjevang, Siegfried Jerusalem, and Robert Lloyd.

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On the Spree

Hugh Hebert celebrates the historic meeting of the major powers in the television ratings war

THE FINAL link-up took place last night at 10.25 London time, when BBC-1's Newsnight Special from D-Day to Berlin halted at the River Spree. After a five-minute break for a brew and a burn, Yorkshire's First Tuesday division could be heard approaching the other bank. The war is over, folks, and that's official.

In 40 years' time we'll look back on this day, and wonder that the two great rival powers could meet, and be friends, and you'll imagine that very English voice calling out, in execrable accents, "Hullo Tovarich! Niet klashki skedulski!"

What we actually heard last night was a recording of the BBC's Edward Ward, "speaking from corps HQ of the Russian Red Army, and we've just had a very, very big lunsch, and we're all here, and everything isch beautiful." There was no picture of this happy warco, but I bet he had very, very rosy cheeks, a fire-eater's breath, and bunting in his hair.

This choice bit of tipsy archive did not come in the BBC's programme, which gave us the rare, colour home movies shot by the Hollywood director George Stevens while he was also directing the official American film coverage of the Allied invasion. It came in Yanks Meet Reds, Yorkshire's contribution to the peace effort. They tracked down, and brought together again, the American and the Russian who featured in all the pictures of that famous link up at Torgau on the Elbe in April, 1945.

There they were in Russia, a retired neuro-surgeon from Los Angeles, and a headmaster from a village school near Minsk, with the kids lined up in peasant costume and flowers. Earlier we saw them in what seemed like a cemetery, with ordered gravestones. Each stone, they told us, represented not one person dead, but one Soviet village burnt to the ground. The figure that rang round your head all nigth was the 20 million Russian war dead — 40 of them for every British person killed.

But First Tuesday had done more. It had found an American and a Russian who had actually linked up three hours earlier but without the hullabaloo of Torgau. And they had not been teaching and doctoring since: they had both stayed in their respective armies, become professional enemies. Until television brought them together again at the Elbe.

It was the most positive form of remembrance television has offered so far this week.

Stevens's film, shot on early 16mm Kodachrome, was remarkable mainly because colour movies of this war are rare. You can get it on video, now, if you forgot to tape it, and maybe that this is what we need rather than those stone memorials we notice once a year. Something we can keep on a shelf, between the Ninth Symphony and the War Requiem.

And Stevens's colour certainly is fine — clear and restrained, sometimes close to the effects present-day cameramen and directors work so hard to produce. At other times it seems odd, an anachronism. A pitreing blue sky above these charnel fields then seems an offence against good aste, a Hollywood impertinences. That war was black and white, wasn't it? The last black and white war of all?



EXETER

John Dalton

Lesley Kerman

THIS entrancing show, mainly a celebration of tables, is for lively minds. Circular and rectangular — with cups, bowls, plates and cutlery — they form a meeting place and focus of everyday life. But Lesley Kerman does not paint food, nor the clutter of cornflakes and milk bottles John Bratby once slapped before our eyes, because after composing well, she has a teasing habit of compounding our relish of her formal arrangements and seductive colour by giving her paintings flip titles.

Giotto's Flying Table does not fly, neither does it spin, it simply sits there reminding us of his Last Supper. You need to have your art, historical and literary wits about you — and know especially the history of photography to get the full flavour of her aesthetic bonnes bouches, because she has found a happy way of painting on a large scale her versions of a Niepce table and two Fox Talbots from 1840.

We know that things fall apart, but things also go well and at times Kerman touches the private uncommunicable bliss we all feel when somehow we merge with the world on a perfect day. The finest painting here is The Music Room, Powderham Castle seen through a reflecting mirror beginning to silver. And the large Breakfast Table, with figures seen from a balcony, is the most exciting.

Lesley Kerman at the Exe Gallery, until May 10.

WIGMORE HALL

Meirion Bowen

Joan Dickson

IN THEIR recital, here, of cello and piano works by Beethoven, Joan Dickson and Joyce Rathbone limited their attention to the intimate aspects of the music. Anything rhetorical or suggestive of storm and stress was kept in check.

This was acceptable for the set of 12 variations on Ein Madchen oder Weibchen (from Mozart's The Magic Flute). It all added up to a pleasant entertainment, touchingly sincere in moment of pathos, but generally aiming only to delight. The more severe parts of the G Minor Sonata Opus 5 No. 2—its tensely expectant slow introduction and urgent allegro—had just enough tautness to make a dramatic impact. But the same approach in the succeeding C major rondo seemed a trifle pedantic

The late D major sonata, Opus 102 No. 2, suffered more from the over reticent manner adopted by these two performers. It was as if they lacked confidence in the composer's ability to remain coherent while moving towards dangerous extremes of expression. Beethoven's abruptness was softened altogether in the opening movement, whose tempo could hardly be regarded here as allegro con brio.

Nor did these players manage to sustain the musical continuity of the finale The sonata in A major, Opus 69, was just as unnecessarily reserved in the interpretation offered by Dickson and Rathbone. One longed to hear more of the melting beauty of tone and phrasing for which the cellist has long had a reputation; and the pianist's smudginess could have been overlooked, had she shown more concern for tone control.

Bold dozen for Opera North

OPERA NORTH has just published plans for its boldest season so far, thanks partly to continued support from Leeds City and West Yorkshire Councils, whose joint contribution is proportionately the largest local authority subsidy received by any British opera company. The company's Arts Council grant has been limited to a 2 per cent increase — a cut in real terms.

It will be presenting 12 operas at the Grand Theatre in Leeds between September and June of next year, no fewer than nine of them new to the company. Of those nine, six are bought or borrowed from other companies — *I Puritani* from the Welsh National Opera, The Girl Of The Golden West from the Netherlands Opera, The Golden Cockerel from Scottish Opera, The Mikado from New Sadler's Wells, Ariadne On Naxos from Glyndebourne and Faust from the English National Opera.

Three productions, however, will be originated by Opera North — Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage, which will be produced by Tim Albery; Aida, which is a rather surprising subject for the attention of Philip Prowse, and Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress, which will be staged by the Swiss team that was responsible for Opera North's recent and very successful Traviata.

Apart from borrowing productions to accommodate the cut in Arts Council income, Opera North is reducing its touring commitment by 20 performances, preserving its seasons in Manchester, Nottingham and Hull but abandoning Norwich

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The drama then, the lessons now

Seen in one piece, at a distance of 40 years, the allied victory over Germany takes on the appearance of an inevitable historical event. We know all about the climax long before it is reached, so that to many readers of today's newspapers the Second World War is theatre. In the beginning the nations of Western Europe show weakness and division. They refuse to believe in, even be aware of, the wholly unprecedented menace building up across the German frontier. In Act Two the price exacted by dramatic convention for such failures has inevitably to be paid. Every European capital except London, Moscow, and those of a handful of neutrals, falls under a tyranny without one redeeming feature, not even the familiar ideological promise that the suffering of one era is the prelude to a golden age the next. Finally, by a supreme act of will, the tyranny is thrown back, and the last few days produce the confusion, rout, and surrender which are the making of good stagecraft. There is even the hint of disunity among the victors to provide for a possible sequel.

What cannot so readily be recaptured from that time is first the terror in which the Nazis' millions of individual victims suffered and died. They did not have even the faint consolation of foreknowledge that their deaths were not the end of civilisation in Europe. "I do believe", Anne Frank wrote at Belsen, "that people are good at heart"; but such a belief at that time almost surpasses understanding. Secondly, what is seen as inevitable in retrospect was not so at the time. There was the very opposite of inevitability: acute uncertainty. After America joined the war it was possible to judge that the scales must eventually turn, but they did not turn quickly. To start with they went on descending in the same direction, as Japan overran country after country, bastion after bastion, including Singapore, in South-east Asia. If there was no doubt about the eventual outcome among the people of Britain that owed more to a stubborn refusal to think unthinkable possibilities than a sober assessment of the military scene. Without the seemingly miraculous delivery of Dunkirk and Hitler's mad decision to invade Russia instead of Britain the curtain might not again have risen.

Commemorations today cannot therefore get a totally accurate fix on the way things happened or on how people felt at the time. That is why anniversaries of this kind can be difficult and even dangerous occasions — especially for politicians. President Reagan is now as much aware of that as anyone. But even as he did his best to repair the damage, he committed a mistake of his own. In honouring the dead of Belsen he made no mention of the 50,000 Russian prisoners of war who died there along with 30,000 out of Hitler's millions of Jewish victims. Why this strange and historically perverse omission? It is not necessary to pass any judgment, pro or con, on the Soviet system to acknowledge that without the tremendous resistance of the Russian people the war could not have been won. And in that particular there is, of course, genuine material for a dramatist: of the two men, Churchill being one, who galvanised Europe into war, victory, and then peace, the other, Stalin, was a grand master in tyranny in his own right.

Having absolved the German people today of collective guilt for the acts of their parents and grandparents under Hitler it may be more necessary than we realise to do the same for the Russian people, passing a duster across the Stalinist slate. He too has been dead for a long time. Without him the Russians have reverted to that morose and suspicious frame of mind in which Dostoevsky and Checkhov depicted them long before the storming of the Winter Palace. With six million dead and their western approaches devastated they have something on which to focus, rationally or otherwise, their profound mistrust about the world beyond the Pripet Marshes. Very well, so they're stuck for the time being with an outdated view of human history which even those who affect to believe in it find a constant necessity to revise. But that is their problem. They will not welcome any outside attempts to grind their faces in the inconsistencies. If we are to look back and remember, then we must be at pains to remember everything, to see the panorama of war in all its component parts. Let us simply recollect that 40 years ago, with the Soviet Union, we jointly disposed of something which genuinely deserved to be called an evil empire, and that, along with the Jews, the Russians were the objects of Hitler's insensate hatred long before he turned his Messerschmidts and Heinkels on us.

Gas: the daftest privatisation

The "privatisation" of British Gas (officially confirmed in the Commons yesterday by Mr Peter Walker) is the most unusual of all the hive-offs since there is no pretence that it will be anything other than a regurgitated monopoly. Questioned yesterday, Mr Walker could not claim that the corporation would benefit from increased competitive pressures, because there aren't going to be any. The main advantage adduced was that the corporation would get Ministers like him off its back. This will give British Gas the perverse benefit of being able to resume its (highly successful) oil exploration activities which this Government forced a reluctant Sir Denis Rooke to dispose of. Some people wouldn't put it past the redoubtable Sir Denis to buy them back.

But where, pray, are any other advantages? It will certainly provide anything up to £10 billion to reduce the Government's borrowing requirement, and maybe finance pre-election tax cuts. But do we really want tax cuts financed by selling the silver?

The flotation will pre-empt a lot of investment money from individuals and City institutions which could have been channelled into new capital investment, particularly in high-tech areas where Britain is losing out at a distressingly fast pace. Mrs Thatcher claims that this is all part of introducing peoples' capitalism into Britain. Would that it were so. In fact, selling off shares in monopolies like gas and telecommunications at cut-price rates in order to produce a quick (and in the case of British Telecom, astronomical) capital gain, gives a completely distorted view to new punters of what investing in industry — with its high risks and long pay-off periods — is all about.

Nor does BG need the money. Thanks to decades of quiet efficiency and (even more so) to its monopoly position, it is the richest of all nationalised corporations, with so much money coming out of the pipelines that it actually lends money to the Treasury, reversing the usual banker role.

But gas is the pottiest privatisation for another reason. The price of gas tracks the cost of oil. If — as is not impossible — there is another oil crisis before the end of the century, which doubles or triples its cost, then the new regulatory body for the gas industry can do one of two things. It can refuse BG an increase, in which case gas will be much cheaper than oil, thereby generating an artificial demand for gas products. Or it can allow BG to price in line with the market, in which case vast and fortuitous monopoly profits would be earned for shareholders instead of for the taxpayer.

This Government has already intervened to force gas prices up by 10 per cent more than the inflation rate (against the corporation's wishes) on three occasions. Labour (as Mr Walker rightly pointed out yesterday) did something similar on a smaller scale. That is forgivable if the fruits go to the Government, but difficult to justify if such unearned windfalls go straight to shareholders.

If governments really want to get off the backs of State monopolies (and it is difficult to see why they should) then there are other ways than privatisation. Labour may be foolish to threaten re-nationalisation of these concerns (has anyone counted up the money involved?), but it is difficult to see how the national interest will be advanced by hiving off gas. Indeed, by diverting billions of investing money which could have been utilised elsewhere, it may do considerable damage to potential investment in the UK. Mr Walker, who will doubtless gain brownie points on the back benches for proving by this act that he is not as Wet as he appears, ought to know that better than anyone.

Mr Denktash isn't helping

The effect of the constitutional referendum in Turkish Cyprus is to throw yet another obstacle in the way of urgent, behind-the-scenes efforts by the United Nations to bring about the re-unification of the island. And that, it must be assumed, was the object of the exercise. The Denktash administration declared unilateral independence 18 months ago. But, under pressure from Ankara, whose 1974 army of intervention remains firmly dug in, the creation of a new constitution, to be followed in short order by elections, was postponed. The internationally recognised government of Cyprus (in practice the voice of Greek Cypriots) has indicated that it would find it hard to treat with a regime which flaunted its breakaway status.

By holding a referendum Mr Denktash has indicated that neither he nor the government of mainland Turkey has any great concern for Greek Cypriot sensibilities. If President Kyprianou will not talk to "President Denktash of the Turkish State of North Cyprus" as an equal, then *de facto* partition will continue and Turkish Cyprus will seek international recognition — at first from the smaller Islamic states. Further, the nature of that constitution, modelled closely upon the new "guided democracy" constitution in effect on the mainland, is to emphasise the links with the Motherland. Thus the conservative president and the army have gained considerable power at the expense of the restive liberal national assembly. Denktash has the right to outlaw any political party which, in his judgment, does not follow the principles of Ataturk and to suspend all basic political and trade union rights almost at will. So the new constitution bodes ill for the significant centre and leftwing opposition groups which have, somehow, survived these past eleven years.

In sum, this is a constitution which emphasises and exploits the differences between Greek and Turkish Cypriot and which endangers, rather than enhances, the democratic rights of Turkish Cypriots within their own community. All of which is the greater pity because it appears that President Kyprianou is finally willing to come to terms with the Turkish Cypriot community as the major Greek Cypriot political parties have been pressing him to do since the collapse of the Cyprus summit in January. President Kyprianou was roundly condemned both by his own national assembly and by much of world opinion for refusing to reach immediate agreement with his neighbours at that UN sponsored meeting. As a result President Kyprianou has indicated to Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar that he would accept the current UN peace proposals as long as the Denktash administration signalled in advance its willingness to sign on the dotted line. Such a test of Mr Denktash's good faith is very much in order. The Greek Cypriots would do their own cause no good at all if they respond to this dubious and deliberately provocative referendum by refusing to treat with the "victor."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long arm of the bylaws

Sir,—I don't know where Gareth Parry got the idea (Guardian, May 2) that "no stern action has been taken yet against anyone breaking the new MOD bylaws imposed at Greenham and Molesworth" and that no one in government "sees much mileage in challenging the Greenham women or Molesworth campaigners." The day after reading this, I appeared in Newbury court as the 66th woman charged under these bylaws in the first 24 hours of their coming into effect. Others were arrested after me — also at Molesworth. On the day he wrote, some women began a week's sentence in prison for this offence.

Whether there is an unacceptable "price in terms of bad publicity for the Government" is debatable these days. My own opinion is that the intention is to hold peace campaigners in prison, especially those who live at the camps (ie: eviction of the peace camps through the courts). Since, until now, there has been no charge for entering the base unless seen cutting the fence (criminal damage), my view is that these bylaws have been designed for the purpose of creating a crime to charge people with.

Martha Street.
Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp,
Berkshire.

Good training for coalition government

Sir,—I have a hope. Up to the general election the majority of county councils will now be governed by coalitions. The public will come to see that such a pattern is not only workable but infinitely preferable to the present majority-rule-by-minority.

This will have two results: the wasted-vote-for-a-third-party blockage will be cleared so that the electorate will vote positively; and the labour Party will have practised coalition long enough with the Liberals, if not with the SDP, to know that if necessary it is both possible and realistic. The present political nightmare will then be ended.

Have I hope? I believe so.—Sincerely,
David Spreckley.
9 Park Road,
Buckden, Cambridgeshire.

Sir,—In a Conservative Party political broadcast before the county council elections in England and Wales, Kenneth Baker, minister for local government, commented that voting Liberal was like voting Labour "as near as orange to red."

In post-election comment on the considerable Liberal/SDP Alliance gains, Neil Kinnock said: "Conservative voters wanting to protest against the excesses of Mrs Thatcher's Government voted for the nearest thing to Conservatism, which clearly is the Alliance parties."

Are our politicians getting it just about right?—Yours faithfully,
Stanley Alderson.
7 Highfield Avenue,
Cambridge.

Sir, — Following last Thursday's local election results, will this Government now introduce a bill to abolish the shire county councils? — Yours faithfully,
R. LL. Evans.
37 New Street,
Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire.

Sir, — The Alliance achievement in the county elections is more substantial than your articles suggest. Public attention and coverage in the local press, with resultant conditioning of voters' attitudes, are sharply increased when a party becomes the principal opposition.

As a result of the elections the Alliance increased its overall majority in the Isle of Wight, but more significantly it became the largest party in Cornwall and Somerset and the largest opposition party in 13 counties (Cambridge, Devon, Dorset, Durham, East Sussex, Gloucester, Hampshire, Lincoln, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Surrey, West Sussex, and Wiltshire).

A single byelection gain in Devon would make the Alliance the largest party in that Council. — Yours faithfully,
Bernard Dann.
Croft Drive East,
Caldy, Merseyside.

An improper prescription

Sir, It has always been recognised that in exceptional circumstances a patient should be able to receive on the NHS medicines now on the proscribed (Schedule 3A "black") list of drugs. Most commentators have pressed for an appeals mechanism to meet this need, and a DHSS/BMA proposal for such was reported in the Guardian on May 4.

What the proposals describe are therapeutic circumstances in which an appeal could be lodged; what they do *not* outline are the criteria on which the appeals committee — four general practitioners plus two hospital doctors — should base its judgment.

It is our view that the basis should be verifiable criteria showing that the drug is needed because it has advantages to the patient in terms of efficacy, safety, or convenience over those drugs already available. Such standards are expected from hospital committees; to rely solely on a general practitioner's belief is scientifically unacceptable and possibly open to corruption.

It would seem improper for the DHSS to promote double standards. Furthermore such a position would be divisive; would inevitably lead to local confusion between the hospital and the community; and likely would confound the work of the central committee at the DHSS which will be needed to coordinate the appeals system nationwide. — Yours etc,
(Dr) Joe Collier.
(Dr) Andrew Herxheimer.
Charing Cross Hospital,
London W6.

How genuine libertarians can resuscitate their council

Sir,—In his introduction to the annual report of the National Council for Civil Liberties for the current year, Larry Gostin expresses the following hope: NCCL can and will become a mass civil liberties movement which cannot be ignored or discounted. That is the ambition which we owe to our supporters to achieve — now in particular when the right to speak, protest, and dissent is apparently so little respected by this Government.

However sophisticated the arguments employed by apologists — such as Jeremy Smith (Letters, May 4) — the failure by the NCCL to affirm that the right to work is as fundamental as the right to strike, and the consequent resignation of Larry Gostin and other members of the executive committee have dealt a near-fatal blow to that ambition.

Some of the proponents of the successful resolution have gone on record to proclaim that failure by NCCL to affirm that collective union rights can overide individual rights would have irreparably damaged the cause of civil rights to this country. The reverse is the case, as I and others tried to explain. In their haste to act in what they perceive to be the best interests of trade unions, they have licensed them to become as big a threat to civil liberties as any government.

The decision is one which genuine libertarians will wish to see reversed at the earliest opportunity. The formation of the new Libertarian Alliance within NCCL will provide a focus for those efforts. Only if it is successful will NCCL's credibility be fully restored.—Yours faithfully
Tim Clement-Jones,
Association of Liberal Lawyers,
London SW4

Sir,—The NCCL dispute has been widely presented as being about either a conflict between the rights of collectivities and those of individuals, or baancing the individuals, or balancing the individual right to stay at work. Both are misconceptions.

The real issue concerns the rights and obligation that accrue to individuals as members of a democratic organization. If a majority agrees upon a policy, those who disagree have a prima facie obligation to abide by it, especially where the effect of not doing so will be that they either benefit from the sacrifice of the majority, or render it worthless.

There can no more be a general right to strikebreak than there can be to withhold one's taxes.

The only questions concern possible exceptions to the general obligation in extremis, and how democratic the procedures are through which a policy is decided.

Those who insist that democratically elected trade union leaders should conduct referendums on vital issues of policy, and that these so-called "ballots" alone would create an obligation on their membership to support them, ought consistently to demand the same from their elected government. — Yours faithfully,
David Beetham.
57, Grove Lane,
Leeds.

Miscellany at large

Sir, — My grandmother said to me on May 9, 1945: "Jimmy, always remember that VE Day is the 9th of May. In time it will be celebrated again and again on the 8th of May, but the piece of paper was signed at two minutes past midnight on the 9th. Remember this, Jimmy, and tell them."

I have remembered and I'm telling them.—Yours faithfully,
James A. Bleakley.
Rochdale, Lancashire.

Sir,—As we give thanksgiving for the end of the war with Germany and the 40 years of peace in Europe, let us also remember that many, many thousands of British, American and colonial servicemen died between VE Day and VJ Day.

It is becoming most frustrating to hear the media announcing VE Day as the "end of the war." While most ex-servicemen who served in the Far East and the Pacific will gladly join in the thanks-giving on May 8, it would appear that commemoration for the actual end of the war on August 15 is to be overlooked.
Bert Reeves.
London E15.

Sir, — David S. Grivners (Letters, May 2) says there is a rule in the NHS which says private patients must not be given priority over NHS patients. In my experience, the rule is broken.

My wife, an NHS patient, frequently experienced queue jumping by private patients while waiting her turn for a radiotherapy radium. The practice became known by the waiting NHS patients as "being Bupaed," — Yours etc.

Sir, — I am surprised by Mr Derek Cole's statement (Letters, April 27) that the Commonwealth secretary-general, Mr Shridath Ramphal, wants to attack the Commonwealth Games. In a recent television interview, Mr Ramphal was asked if he expected to see a New Zealand team at the Games. His answer was: "Yes, I do. I very much hope to see a New Zealand team there."

Mr Ramphal went on to say that his advice to Commonwealth governments and sporting bodies would be that he hoped that all Commonwealth countries would be at the Games. In deciding on their attitude to the Games, Mr Ramphal expected that Commonwealth countries would take into account the New Zealand government's forthright stand and the massive public support in New Zealand for the government's position. — Yours faithfully,
Charles A. Gunawardena.
Commonwealth Secretariat,
London SW 1.

When Davis missed his cue



Sir, — I never thought I'd see the day when the Guardian got it wrong and the Daily Star got it right.

Your Leader (May 4) on poor little rich Steve Davis laments his fall, and calls public reaction to it "a little sad and a little nasty". Were you, then, not watching the post-match ceremony? That was the truly "nasty" bit.

As the Star's snooker correspondent pointed out, Davis's graceless, monosyllabic non-interview with David Vine — "Yes": "No" — would have been very different if the loser had been Dennis Taylor and the winner Davis. Dennis, like most of his fellow professionals, knows how to lose with sportsmanship and with class. Davis does not.

One of the main reasons why snooker has such a devoted following is this ever-rarer quality of joyous dignity and acceptance that in any game there will be one winner and one loser.

Steve Davis is, as you say, the best snooker player in the world. But until he learns a touch of class I for one will watch him only with reluctance, and take no pleasure in doing so. — Yours sincerely,
Walt Patterson.
10 Chesham Road,
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Sir,—Steve Davis probably lost much support when at the last election he campaigned vigorously for Mrs Thatcher. His "potting reds" claim was on a par with Kenny Everett's tasteless advocacy of dropping a nuclear bomb on Moscow. — Yours faithfully,
Derek Roberts.
198 Sherwood Park Road,
Mitcham, Surrey.

Secret: for police eyes only

Sir,—In the light of the recent Baigrie Inquest (Guardian May 1), when the family's solicitor was not allowed access to the transcripts of the negotiations between Mr Baigrie and the police, I would like to remind your readers of the inquest into the death of my friend Blair Peach in May 1980.

At this inquest counsel for the police had access to the 30,000 word report written by Commander Cass relating to his investigation of the incidents in Southall on April 23, 1979, when Blair was killed by a member of the Special Patrol Group.

Counsel for the Peach family was denied access to the Cass report on the grounds that it would be "prejudicial to the state." He was also denied access to the witness statements and had to question witnesses blind.

Six years on from Blair's death we are going through the tortuous legal procedure to attempt to obtain the Cass report which we desperately need to enable us to fight the civil case we have embarked on. This is British justice.—Yours faithfully,
Celia Stubbs.
330 Seven Sisters Road,
London N4.

Shortchanging London's gay community

Sir,—In refusing to sanction the GLC grant for the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, Mr Kenneth Baker seeks to disguise his (or perhaps just his Party's) hostility to lesbians and gay men by the pretext that funds should be withheld because the gay community is not an economically deprived section of society.

No one supposed this was the ground for funding in the first place. Indeed, such a criterion, if universally applied, would rule out large numbers of grants to voluntary organisations.

The establishment of the London Lesbian and Gay Centre is a belated recognition that the lesbian and gay community (between 5 and 10 per cent of London's population) suffer serious social discrimination and consequent problems which the majority community (with some honourable exceptions) regularly demonstrate they can neither understand nor help to resolve.

Like many other voluntary organisations, the centre depends heavily on volunteer labour in addition to whatever staff could be provided by grant aid. It should be recognised as a pioneer in combatting a form of social discrimination of which late 20th century society should be ashamed. I hope the Minister will think again.—Yours
J.C. Hindley.
London N3.

A LETTER FELL INTO OUR HANDS THE OTHER DAY, THE MATTER OF WHICH DESERVES A WIDER PUBLIC.

Dear Sirs,
When I am lonely I reach for The Macallan and when I have company it's a must.
When on occasions I am sad The Malt is a great comforter, but when I am glad it improves the shining hour.
When I am not hungry it is my favourite aperitif and I toy with it – when I am hungry I use it to counteract the tendency to overeat.
If I am ill I take a modicum a day with water, but if I am well I increase the dose – without water.
Otherwise I seldom touch the stuff except, of course when I am thirsty!!
Yours, etc.
Campbell MacGregor (aged 85), a moderate drinker of long standing.



"A measure of contentment"

MAY WE SUGGEST YOU LOBBY YOUR NEAREST LICENSED VICTUALLER UNTIL YOU TOO CAN ACHIEVE SUCH *A MEASURE OF CONTENTMENT?*

THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

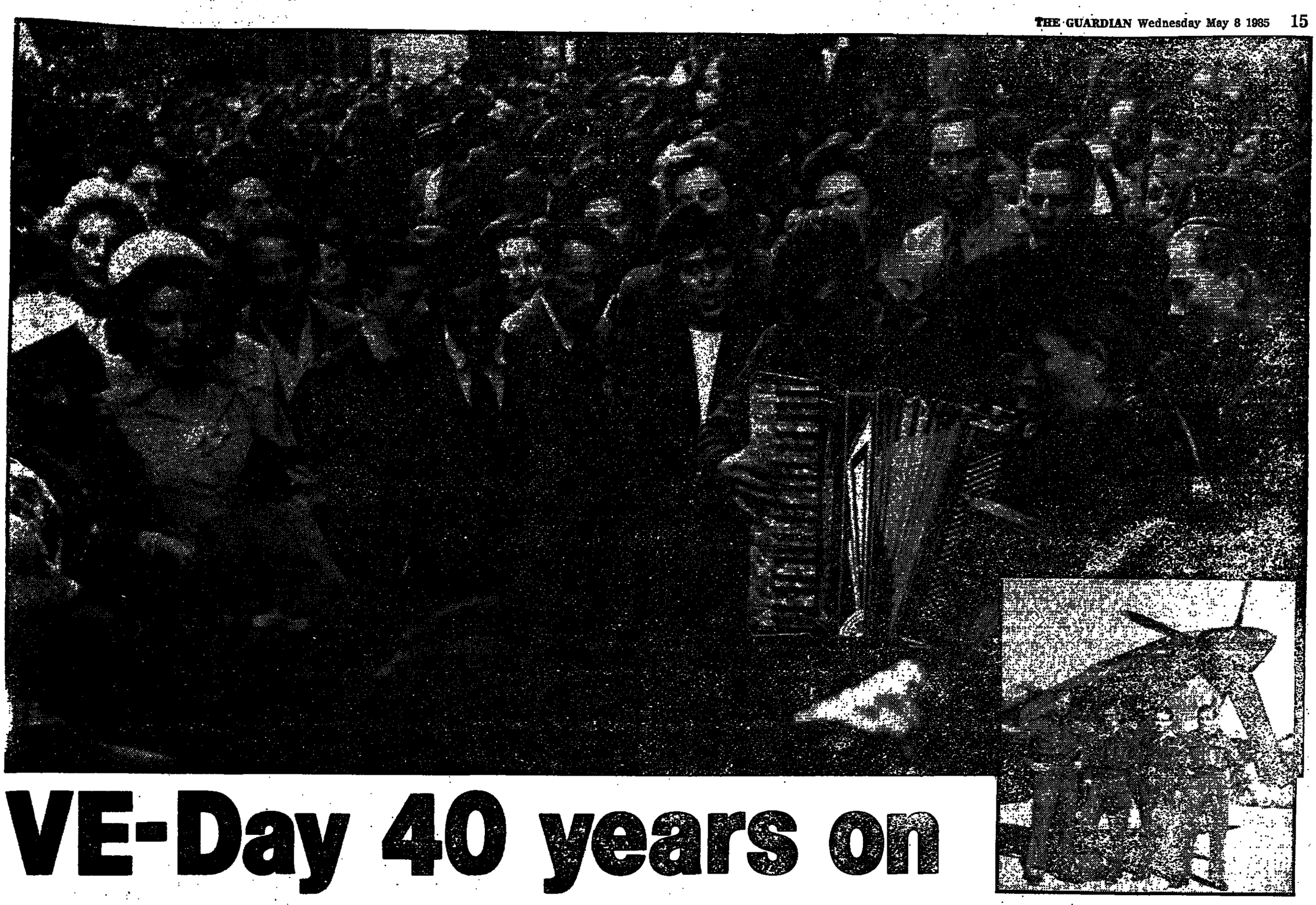
A COUNTRY DIARY

CHESHIRE: On the last Sunday of April, high above the long narrow mere, numerous swallows — and a few house and sand martins — were flying. In the tall beech, where we have listened to the bird during the previous three years at this season, a chiffchaff was singing. The ubiquitous willow warblers were everywhere in song, but we came across no other sylviidae, although I hear of a pair of blackcaps in Clwyd as early as April 8. In the swamp, kingcups were in brilliant flower, but we were not so delighted to see that a colony of Japanese knotweed had pushed up through the carpet of bluebell leaves in the mereside wood. On the water, close to the far bank at the southern end of the mere, a Canada gander was keeping station and we could see the head and neck of his mate on the nest behind him. At least a dozen tufted drakes were strung out along the far bank. There was only a single female with them and we wondered whether others were nesting in the reed-bed. However, tufties are usually late nesters, so probably the drakes were unmated birds. As we were watching the ducks, a stoat came running along the water's edge, passed almost under our feet and continued its rapid progress until it was out of sight. When we returned to the car, scores of swallows were congregated on the telegraph-wires. They had not been there before and we assumed that they were still on migration, for, during our walk, we had passed two cottages where pairs were already in residence. A small tortoiseshell butterfly was on the wing and, in the woods, the sapling beeches were in bright green leaf, as was one huge tree which stood out conspicuously from its still bare companions.

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VE-Day 40 years on

Happy crowd in the West End of London (picture by Wolf Suschitzky); and (inset, second from left) Pilot Officer Anthony Tucker, now Guardian Science Correspondent, at war's end in Udine

"HOSTILITIES will end officially at one minute after midnight tonight, Tuesday, May 8, but in the interests of saving lives the ceasefire began yesterday to be sounded along all fronts. The German war is therefore at an end." Thus Churchill, in his prime-ministerial broadcast 40 years ago today. The King addressed the nation later that day. All over Britain and the Allied nations of Europe the rejoicing began. Nearly six years of fighting were over, although the war in the Pacific would continue until August and the atomic bombs. The emotions of the time were less complicated than they are for today's anniversary: evil had been defeated, suffering was over, peace would reign. Everywhere was optimism; the British dumped Churchill, not out of ingratitude but out of a desire for a new and different world. Forty years on the simple business of commemoration has been fraught with political difficulties. The Prime Minister, in organising just an ecumenical service at Westminster Abbey, with all governments with representatives in London invited, has emphasised reconciliation and the celebration of peace rather than the memory of war; President Reagan has had the trauma of his Bitburg visit; Chancellor Kohl has worked hard to avoid being left out as the Germans were for the D-Day anniversary last year. In this special commemorative supplement we look back on 40 years ago through the columns of our own newspaper and through the memories of individuals who were in the thick of it, landing a Spitfire in northern Italy to be greeted with flowers or fighting with the Russians not knowing the war was over. Churchill's biographer, Martin Gilbert, examines how Britain and Russia, allies in battle, became adversaries at the conference table. Our correspondents in the major nations involved in the war write on what VE Day meant then and how it is remembered now.

John Ezard evokes the hopes for the future of May 8, 1945

Brave new world



"REPRESENTATIVE of all, I name Anne Frank." Helmut Kohl, West German Chancellor, attending a Jewish commemorative service at Belsen, April 21, 1985.

AS TRULY as any carol ever said, the hopes and fears of all the years were gathered around May 8, 1945. It was, much more definitely than the sudden armistice of 1918, the Bethlehem date of the century. No saviour was born, no saviour doctrine was cradled; but enough shambled out of San Francisco, Yalta, and Potsdam to ensure that, for the next 40 years at least, we didn't do it again.

Some hopes were sacred. Churchill said, "I am sure that a fairer choice is open to mankind than they have known in recorded ages. The lights burn brighter and shine more broadly than before. Let us walk forward together."

And some of the hopes of that time were profane. Corporal Robert Barton, then halted with his 11th Armoured division rifle battalion near Lubeck, recalls, "All most us thought of was going home, finding a nubile woman if we hadn't already got one, and shutting the front door for two years — a bit of happiness, without any more fear of tomorrow."

At home, the adverts had the same thing in mind. "What are our boys looking forward to peacetime plenty of ...: Wolsey's Cardinal socks": "What will you do when you're demobbed? Never go short of Outdoor Girl — the powder with the extra Cli-n-g."

Across Europe, the three Allied flags flew together. In Moscow, westerners were feted. At home, the then Manchester Guardian said in a leader headed The End Of A Crusade, "Five years ago, it would have seemed the wildest of dreams that Soviet flags would fly in triumph over the City of London as they did today."

Pubs were licensed till 11 30 pm for drinking and 2 30 am for singing but the two usually merged. There were processions, church bells, sirens, hooters, rockets, artillery flares, and bonfires. The Guardian's London staff, filing from its Fleet Street rooftop at 11 pm on May 8, 61 minutes before the ceasefire became official, was haunted by how like the Blitz it was: "The bonfire to the north might be on the burnt-out site of the rocket landing that killed so many in Farringdon Market." That site is near the Guardian's present building.

There were street parties, Lambeth Walks, okey-cokeys, congas, and on the radio Ivor Novello's more genteel hit We'll Gather Lilacs In The Spring Again / We'll Walk Together Down An English Lane. The 124th psalm was chosen for Parliament's thanksgiving service at St Margaret's, Westminster: "Even as a bird out of the fowler's net escapes, so is our soul set free." The Guardian said, "We are no nearer the Golden Age but at least we have stopped the onrush of evil."

Many children tasted their first jelly, blancmange, iced cakes, raisins, and ice creams that holiday. The first words of Churchill's victory broadcast on May 9 were, "My dear friends, I hope you have had two happy days."

In the other world where soldiers live, none of this stopped Rifleman B. O'Neill, in his early 20s, being killed on May 8. Near Lubeck his comrades, including Corporal Robert Barton, found a German truck containing hundreds of bottles of Bols apricot liqueur. They supped it from the neck, chewed rations of Maconochie's tinned meat and wandered around the villages, puzzled about why the local Germans were so subdued. The locals were — incomprehensibly to Robert Barton on the day — worried about the Russians, who were already entering the area. That area, later, was where part of the Iron Curtain went up.

If, like these riflemen, you had been through Normandy, the Ardennes and the liberation of Buchenwald, losing an eighth of your battalion strength and worrying much of the time about getting your head, tummy or balls shot off or half shot-off ("for some reason we never worried about arms or legs" says Robert Barton), you hadn't much time to listen to the radio.

Unlike people at home, you had no inkling of the world conference opened at San Francisco on April 25 to set up the United Nations. If you had known, you might have dismissed it even then as a "semi-League of Nations." But you somehow did know about the Beveridge Report blueprint for a free health service.

"If you were working-class, that meant you might be able to call the doctor without having to put three half crowns in his hand when he visited," Robert Barton said. "It was the first sight I ever had of a brave new world."

Yet in their talks together then, they reckoned on being demobilised into a recession, as were their 1918 predecessors. In their talks now, as members of the Normandy Veterans' Association, they say how strange it is that the recession has instead visited their grandchildren, when they themselves are mostly safely retired.

On the more-informed home front in 1945, the months straddling May 8 and 9 gave birth to a tumult of events, mostly hopeful but sometimes fearful. In the single fortnight from May 1-14 came news of the liberation of Dachau (13 days after Belsen) with the discovery there of 50 rail trucks crammed with bodies; the Prague uprising; the killing of Mussolini; figures showing a new low in world food production; the death of Hitler; the fall of Berlin and the Reichstag; the recapture of Rangoon and the Channel Islands; the return of child evacuees; and the official silencing of the air raid sirens which had sounded 1,224 times in London alone over the previous five years.

"The tide of war has at last receded from the homes of the people," said the Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, ordering civil defence to stand down. The people of Amsterdam, Anne Frank's home city, were reported as too weak to bury their dead.

Alistair Cooke, filing from the San Francisco conference, was a distant spectator of "the sordid and graceless crumbling of the Fascist regimes." The paper said on May 4, "History will need a full page for the great events which are crowding so swiftly into this week of fate." Amidst this, the Guardian's country diarist noted: "The first cutting of the long grass from their airfield has dispossessed a number of nesting birds."

The public hopes of the period centred round peace, reconstruction, full employment, fuller democratic control and internationalism; but peace above all. In rhetorical aspiration, it often sounded as if the world's great age was beginning anew and the golden years returning.

President Roosevelt's State of the Union message said, "Ours is an association not of governments but of peoples — and the peoples' hope is peace . . . In the future, the misuse of power, as implied in the term 'power politics', must not be a controlling factor in international relations. That is the heart of the principle to which we have subscribed."

Moscow Radio said that the USSR, USA, and Britain were all "historic types" of democracy. "The peoples of liberated Europe have the possibility of creating democratic institutions according to their own choice. They can take as an example any form of democracy."

In February a Guardian leader on the Yalta Agreement between the three superpowers said, "It can be said of this document that the more it is studied, the better it looks." But three months later, a leader headed Frost In May said: "We see one country after another being hermetically sealed off from Western Europe, with strange experiments in government, justice, and propaganda being carried out in sinister obscurity."

It was already becoming clear that the principle was not established.

The Liberal manifesto's version of the Beveridge Report, issued on May 5 for the Labour landslide election eventually held on July 5, boasted that Beveridge himself had joined the party as the best way of realising his aim to "develop social insurance and secure freedom from want by covering the whole population and by giving benefits sufficient for subsistence in accordance with the cost of living."

John Pudney counselled, in his famous poem for the bereaved, "Do not despair / For Johnny head-in-air / He sleeps as sound / As Johnny underground / Better by far / For Johnny the bright star / To keep your head / And see his children fed." We were trying to follow the second part, at least, of his advice. Socially, the lights were already shining more broadly than before.

In the Guardian's classified ad columns, deaths on active service were dwindling; but even on May 2 the deaths of two only sons were announced. And it was so hard not to despair. Already in preparation or in production was a string of popular films and plays based on the notion that the dead could somehow return or become accessible — A Matter Of Life and Death, Outward Bound, Blithe Spirit, Thunder Rock, The Dream of Olwen, Dead of Night. They are totally comprehensible if you remember that by 1945 upwards of a million Britons had been directly bereaved through the 296,521 military and 60,585 Blitz deaths.

The loss Robert Barton minded most was Rifleman Norman Town, killed by a shrapnel at Presles. They had dated girls and gone to dances together while training in Uttoxeter. "His mother was a widow," Robert said, "I often think what a loss to his mother he must have been. He was a person of great integrity. But he never had a chance to do right or wrong in life, did he?"

On May 4, the Guardian's then front-page personal column carried an anonymously inserted poem to all the dead: "Their bones whiten all ocean beds / Their ashes mingle with the desert sands / On Afric strands and Arab lands / The fig tree and the vine entwine them there."

That was part of an ordinary newspaper reader's daily breakfast diet in those two extraordinary weeks around VE-Day. Another part was the onrushing evidence of civilian atrocities. The impact of our own nastiness was yet to emerge. When on May 12, the Guardian briefly reported the aftermath of the Hamburg firestorm, in which — as the paper said — 20,000 died crawling to rivers and lakes for sanctuary, the heading was Success Of British Intelligence, a tribute to the accuracy of the bombing.

The same day, it was reported that at Mauthausen concentration camp one of six methods of killing was injection with petrol because "corpses killed in this way burned more easily in the camp crematorium". On May 4 Reuter wrote of 13 volumes compiled by a French library listing methods of interrogation used during the Occupation: "There was an acid bath used for skinning victims before the 'beignoir' treatment. In this, the victim would be lowered into a red hot or ice cold bath head-first and a high voltage current passed through the water.

"There was an electric poker and soldering iron for application to the body. All these devices were marked Made In England." The same day a French Academy of Medicine report on the conduct of Professor Hirth, a Hamburg anatamopathologist, at Siruthof Camp, found "evidence of vivisection of genitals of adolescents aged 13 to 14".

On May 12 the Guardian printed the account of an Auschwitz survivor, Abraham Cykiert, aged 14. He said, "Dr Mengeles (sic), an SS doctor, used to pick out all those who looked lean and exhausted for gassing."

Robert Barton recalls his first sight of Buchenwald: "I am so very sorry to say it — but I have never been able to feel that they were any longer human. They seemed already to have gone into the beyond, somehow."

Churchill, summing it up, reached into his memory for an ancient and compensating image of mercy, to which he compared our decision to treat the Germans humanely: "I read somewhere that when the ancient Athenians, on one occasion, overpowered a tribe in the Peloponnese which had wrought them great injury by base and treacherous means, and when they had the hostile army herded on the beach — naked for slaughter — they forgave them and set them free.

"And they said this was not done because they were men. It was done because of the nature of Man."

Ninety one days after VE-Day came Hiroshima. It was not an atrocity against a defeated, prostrate people. Robert Barton and his friends had half-expected to have to spend the next three years after 1945 fighting the Japanese through the Malayan peninsular. There was a rumour on VE-Day that they were on standby to go there.

Nevertheless the bomb, like the camps, the acid baths, the fire storms, and the shortfall between grandiloquence and achievement, did pose questions about the nature of Man — and of woman — questions on which the century 40 years later is still interrogating us. Anne Frank, with her miraculous receptiveness and compassion, had seen the questions coming and answered them absolvingly. In her later-published diaries, found on the floor of the secret Amsterdam attic from which the SS took her and her family to Belsen, she wrote, "Despite everything, I still believe people are fundamentally good at heart."

Anthony Tucker recalls flying into peace with 72 Squadron, Desert Air Force

Where pity was born

WE KNEW it was to be the final push. The long cold winter changed, almost imperceptibly, into a spring of great beauty, touching the Adriatic shore and the Po Valley with a lightness and an irrepressible vitality that was as separate from tired men and tired machines as life is from death.

Paddy Williams, I remember, went down early and said only three words — I've been hit — before going into a gentle spiral dive that accelerated into a field of hard green sprouting corn and transformed into an extinguishing, ludicrously small, puff of smoke. The spring sunshine, eclipsed momentarily by shock, felt strangely warm when we touched down. The birdsong was closer, the hum of insects more insistent, more evident. It was the same every time. Northwards we moved, pushing a still organised army back against the rock wall of the Alps, an army down to its last dregs of air cover and highly vulnerable to the sweeping Spits flown, in the majority, by very young men castigated by politicians as the "D-Day Dodgers."

We were part of a war that, after the invasion, was relegated to a minor niche in history. As the Alps loomed ahead, as the foothills at the furthest reaches of patrol changed into rocky valleys and then into sheer rock, it was evident that victory could not be far away and that our part in it was, somehow, almost accidental.

Yet the 77mm guns were still accurate and pilots hardened over the flat plain of the desert or the coasts of Italy were unready for the rock faces of the mountains. The hidden armour and the rocky valleys, between them, took a toll which has never been estimated but which seemed to strip the squadron of substance. Faces seemed to change, almost daily.

Some had gone down and waved that they were safe, cheerfully pushing the tit that would blow up the IFF and then stepping out to make their way back. We had a .38 in our boots and, by this time, a silk flag and a message in Russian telling our converging Ally that we were British.

Partisans might or might not help, for there were two guerrilla armies in the hills, locked in bitter and merciless war. Some would give you bread and spare grenades to help you on your way: if the others got you then you would be lucky to die quickly. Little Nobby Clark was not lucky. His posthumous VC was for incredible valour in the face of unbelievable torture. Men had become mad with war. Nobby was sane, and dead. We, too, fired at anything that moved, God help us.

Squadrons advanced in jumps to prepared strips where the engineers had cleared the mines, the RAF Regiment leading the way overland to set up defences. Suddenly, it seemed, we moved north a long way, over the Po Valley and to an airfield beside a tributary of the Tagliamento, not far from Udine.

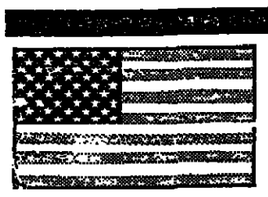
When we flew in it was, I think, evening, but time telescopes the memory. One squadron was already on the ground and dispersed to its allotted area. The runway was short and rough, hurriedly and incompletely cleared of mines. We came in fast and had to swing clear of obstructions before finishing the landing run. We taxied bumpily over grass to the edge of the field for dispersal. As we switched off we became aware of an old couple, partly hidden in the undergrowth, waiting impassively. They were looking for our leader and the old lady spotted him, a gentle blond Moral Rearmament survivor from the Desert, as soon as he took his helmet off. The old couple came forward with, shyly behind them, three children. The eldest, a girl of about 10, wearing a faded floral dress far too big for her, held a bunch of kingcups. Our flight commander took the flowers and smiled in embarrassment. We watched in disbelief. Nothing was said. There was nothing to say.

The next morning differed from all those I could remember. There was no movement, no dawn roster, no pre-dawn crackle of Merlins. The end of the war came in silence and uncertainty. The flowers remain on the banks of a tributary of the Tagliamento, marking every spring with a mixture of gold and blackness. It was here that pity was born.

Peace and reconciliation, and then the doubts set in . . .

Michael White examines the nearly perfect American war — and its sour aftermath

11 million vets can't be wrong



THE CHICAGO journalist Studs Terkel has just won a Pulitzer Prize for his latest book, an oral history of the Second World War, which is how most Americans remember it — and with better reason than mere nostalgia. It was a very good American war indeed even though there were present in the hour of triumph 40 years ago all the elements of what the ancient Greeks would have recognised as hubris.

Consider the facts central to what happened later. Alone among the chief protagonists the continental United States was not ravaged, morally or materially, by the war. No blockade starved San Francisco. No bomber's moon held Washington in terror. Above all, no great armies descended over the Canadian border into the steppes of the Mid West, there to murder, compromise, and corrupt the inhabitants until they were finally thrown back upon the very outskirts of the New York subway system.

Quite the reverse. If America had emerged in 1918 as the leading economic and financial power she remained an isolationist one. As late as 1940 she was still gripped by depression and boasted an army of 268,000 men. There was a growing feeling that she would have to join the fight against Hitler sooner or later, but the country was only united for war by Pearl Harbor. By 1945 the US had 11.9 million service personnel under arms on five continents (the Russians had 10.6 million). While friend and foe alike lay prostrate her industrial output had more than doubled. Only 406,000 men and women had been killed against Russia's 20 million.

President Reagan's excessively-maligned war service is symbolic. Aged 30 and short-sighted when he was called up he spent the war making films for the Army. According to his biographer, Lou Cannon, it ruined his career in Hollywood, a limited sacrifice, but real.

It was a good war in the sense that America emerged immensely powerful, a power dramatised by her (brief) monopoly of the bomb. Economic power, military power, and a vastly expanded government machine unleashed a latent missionary zeal to make the world safe for liberal democracy and Coca-Cola where ever it was possible and for Coca-Cola where ever it was not.

So everything was in place for the emergence of the imperial republic. If the Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of Europe was one side of the coin the other was Truman's commitment to contain Soviet expansionism. And if some, like Marcus Cunliffe, then a British Intelligence officer, now an American university professor, detected an alarmingly early readiness to fight the Russians — not just in General Patton — that too was part of the over-confident post-war heritage.

It was also a good war because almost everyone, even pre-war pacifists, were agreed that Nazi Germany was a uniquely evil enemy which had to be beaten. Some would have preferred the Germans and the Bolshevists to fight it out — and said so at the time to Stalin's chagrin — but the right wing revisionist assertion that they were as bad as each other was not so popular then.

The Hitler war would have remained a near-perfect American war had it still been so easy once the fighting stopped to remember who the bad guys were supposed to be. Historians will forever dispute what actually happened. In the sixties the simple cold war orthodoxy about Russian duplicity and aggression, which had sustained a generation and — in a tradition as old as the republic — elected a victorious General, Eisenhower, as President, gave way to doubt. Perhaps American arrogance, naivety, self-interest, or worse had been to blame. The rise of the new right has not wholly erased the doubts aroused by Watergate as well as Vietnam.

Whatever happened occurred remarkably quickly. David Schoebaum, an American historian of the period, was reminded only last year by an indignant British eyewitness just how soft the Yanks had been on Stalin at Yalta in 1945. Churchill made his "Iron Curtain" speech at Fulton, Missouri, in March, 1946, but then the diplomatist, George Kennan, had already sent his famous telegram urging the containment of the USSR (much misinterpreted, he was to say later) and the American establishment had swung round. The Manichaean worldview prevailed and Uncle Joe was rapidly reinstated as Satan. In the enclosing cold war atmosphere a lot of Nazis slipped into the US — to be forgotten until now.

Have Americans forgotten their good war, or "dis-remembered" as Studs Terkel asks? No, as his own book shows. Those 11 million vets can hardly forget, though Marcus Cunliffe remembers that at the time they did not think it such a clean, glorious war. And enough of them are still clear enough in their minds as to who were the victims at Bitburg, Belsen, and the Battle of the Bulge to flood the American Legion with calls last month.

"We support the President going to Germany. But Bitburg was a mistake. A lot of vets felt they had to call to say that," says the Legion's John Hansom. Not just the vets, the widows and orphans remember. The good war, of all things, actually liberated a lot of women and began the process for many blacks whose skills were also needed in the emergency. GI brides (and one bridegroom) got together on the Queen Mary, moored at Long Beach, to celebrate their good fortune recently.

Of course, America's Jews will not let themselves or their countrymen forget the Holocaust, as Mr Reagan had learned to his cost, as Nazi fugitives do from time to time and as Dr Josef Mengele may yet. And the politicians and the Generals remember. General John Vessey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was an enlisted artilleryman in Italy. Messrs George Shultz and Donald Regan at the President's elbows are ex-Marines. And the name of Neville Chamberlain is hurled across congress whenever "appeasement" is spotted from Berlin to Managua. So keen are some Americans not to appease their way into the Third World War that they forget the danger of arms-racing themselves into world war.

But will they commemorate their good war? Ironically nowhere near as much as they are remembering their bad war ending in Vietnam just ten years ago. The obsession with Vietnam partly explains the comparative silence. The other generally acknowledged reason is that media, travel firms, vets, and candidates for re-election had their fill on D-Day Plus 40 in Normandy last June. Some even say that if it hadn't been for the Bitburg affair the VE-Day anniversary might have passed virtually unnoticed. Not while the networks have old footage in their archives, but it will be a modest celebration. As everyone now knows President Reagan will spend the day addressing the European Parliament. It is a less contentious photo-opportunity than some.

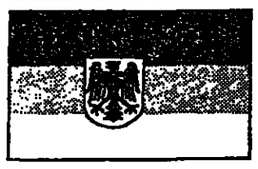
The State Department is reissuing some historic documents to its missions abroad. The Pentagon (built in a mere 16 months in 1943) has been planning a parade at Fort Myers, near Arlington Cemetery. And small parties, getting smaller by the year, will again set out for places like Torgau: Torgau, where American and Russian old soldiers met the other day without the official presence of the western wartime allies who were protesting about the shooting of Major Arthur Nicholson in the Soviet Zone. Torgau which exemplifies the ambiguity and confusion of the legacy of 1945 so spectacularly expressed by President Reagan in the Bitburg affair.

Dr Forrest Pogue, a "combat historian" in their front line, later the biographer of Generals Eisenhower and Marshall, remembers the original meeting at Torgau. "It seemed that day that we couldn't possibly have any trouble with the Russians. But already I had become aware of the tensions beneath the surface," he remembers.

And so the hopes of the American century proved short-lived. Within five years American armies would be fighting communism in Korea, the only war they would fight under the flag of the new International order, the UN. Next time in Vietnam they would be cast in the colonial role they thought they had fought the good war to end. If D-Day 1984 was a confident celebration this year's more uncertain commemoration of victory in Europe marks the end of a war for which there has been no peace treaty — and, arguably, has not ended.

Walter Schwarz in Bonn shows why Bitburg touched a nerve

History — or living horror?



"I'M FED UP with all this guilt," a 17-year-old boy told his teachers at Landau in the Rhineland last week. "I can't be held responsible for things that happened when my parents were children."

This is Chancellor Kohl's view too. He thinks Germans have earned the right, 40 years on, to talk to their Nato allies, and everyone else, including Israel, as moral equals. That is why he was so keen to have Ronald Reagan lay a wreath at the Bitburg war cemetery — to make it all official.

To be fair, Kohl doesn't want the Holocaust forgotten or excused. To clear any doubt on that he went to Auschwitz to make the point. But his other points are that after decades as a model democracy, a pillar of the Western Alliance and the European economy, it is time Germany relegated the Holocaust to history — and that the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis were seen in the context of other people's crimes like the killing of two million German refugees from Eastern provinces now in Czechoslovakia and Poland, or, come to that, the British bombing of Dresden.

Very many Germans of all parties agree with him, but rehabilitation is not as easy as Mr Kohl thinks. History remains contemporary as long as survivors live. His campaign called for subtle political management, and nobody has yet called Helmut Kohl subtle.

His clumsiness was compounded by Reagan's. The result is that the 40th anniversary of VE-day — which the West Germans never wanted to commemorate and would have been prepared to pass over in polite and pained silence — has re-opened the deepest wounds in their society, stimulated angst and let loose a torrent of recrimination.

Last year Kohl chose to launch his moral reinstatement campaign in, of all places, Jerusalem — telling dumbfounded Israelis that he was only 15 in 1945 and that his government refused to accept guilt as a continuing factor in international politics — including lucrative arms deals with Arab States.

The outrage over that had scarcely abated when the Bitburg affair blew up. Kohl had been overwhelmed with gratitude for Mitterrand's help — in that solemn ceremony at Verdun last year. To compensate Kohl for having excluded him from the D-Day celebration, Mitterrand had agreed to stand hand in hand with him over the mass graves of Germans and French from a much earlier war.

If Mitterrand could go to Verdun, Reagan could go to Bitburg. Kohl proposed a visit to a concentration camp for good balance if Reagan wished. He apparently overlooked that in addition to the graves of hundreds of Wehrmacht soldiers, Bitburg contained 40 graves marked "SS." Lumping Auschwitz with "other war crimes" was too much for the opposition. The SPD's Mr Hans-Jochen Vogel insisted that Nazi crimes must continue to be recognised as unique.

But Vogel's view is no longer that of the political majority, which was evident last week when the "Auschwitz Lie" bill was rushed through the Bundestag after two years of desultory discussion, just in time for May 8. The original version fathered by the Social Democrats while in office, sought to punish anyone who denied or apologised for Nazi war crimes.

The modified Christian Democratic version which was adopted against the protests of Social Democrats, Liberals, Israelis, and the whole Holocaust remembrance lobby, lumps Nazi war crimes with other people's. On that issue the political majority does not represent the nation, especially young people. These might be fed up with guilt but they feel they want to know more, not less about the Nazis.

"My parents never told me and in the end I stopped asking," a Social Democratic MP's secretary said in Bonn. "We can't work through what happened until it is researched and explained: it never has been."

The high school survey in the Rhineland confirmed that pupils, in contrast to adults, wanted more, not less information. One complained: "In the tenth class history stops at Bismarck, in the eleventh we start again at antiquity."

Kohl's rehabilitation plan ran into more trouble when politicians of his own side took it too far. "The capitulation in 1945 was the biggest catastrophe in German and probably European history," declared Mr Alfred Dregger, the CDU's parliamentary leader — creating a fresh storm of recrimination.

The highest moral line is naturally taken by the Greens, whose MPs intend to forsake the May ceremonies and repair to Auschwitz for the occasion. "Equating Nazi crimes with others is sickening," said Mrs Antje Vollmer, who led the all women team that until recently governed the parliamentary party. She thought it dangerous that brown shirts should now be equated with red shirts.

The Greens speak for many young people — as the school survey confirmed when they point to the new holocaust now being prepared — "not just the nuclear zone, also the one already begun in the Third World", Mrs Vollmer said.

A thoughtful spokesman for all the ex-soldiers is Manfred Rommel, the ex-Africa Korps commander's son, who has been Mayor of Stuttgart for 10 years — a quiet CDU man on the liberal wing of his party.

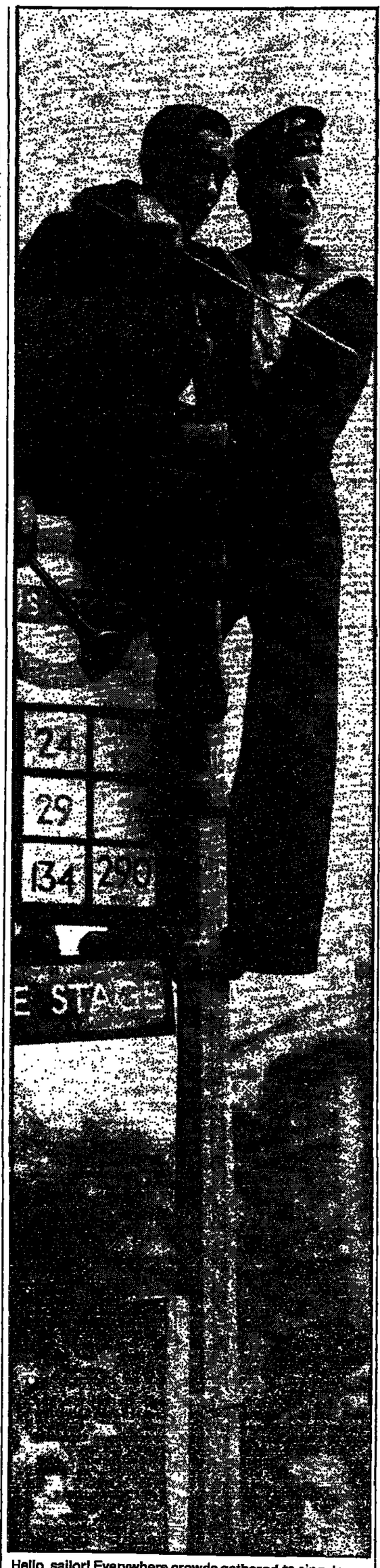
Rommel was completely pro-Bitburg — SS or no SS. "Look round this country today and you can't tell who did what in the war. What's the sense in trying to differentiate between one dead soldier and another?"

For his part he refuses to judge the dead — a philosophy he had already put into practice seven years ago when he defied public opinion by insisting on granting dead Red Army terrorists decent burial in his city.

Rommel was 16 when the war ended — just old enough to have seen some service, which was "a question of honour" for people at the time, who "knew nothing of any holocaust". He recalled it was the manner of his father's death that opened his eyes. After advising Hitler to give up, Rommel had been put under house arrest and secretly forced to take poison. He was allowed to say goodbye to his family, including Manfred, and then given a state funeral. "It was that uncanny funeral which showed me what the regime was like".

No region supports the rehabilitation campaign as strongly as Bavaria. Franz Joseph Strauss's chief assistant and former general secretary of the CSU, Dr Edmund Stoiber, was three and a half years old in 1945 and recalls his father had been "a small time supporter" of the Nazis because he hoped they would bring jobs to an impoverished region. He now appeals to the West "to help us finish with our history: It is in their interest because a guilty Germany is hardly a country: we are a torn nation with no binding factor. It is a vacuum that can be exploited".

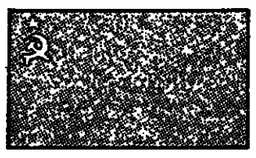
Here was angst again. Stoiber meant the vacuum could be filled by the Left. The Left fears the same vacuum could bring in a new dictator. Both sides agree: The Holocaust must sooner or later be consigned to history.



Hello, sailor! Everywhere crowds gathered to sing, to dance, to celebrate victory, and for some, to pray for a good outcome to the other war — momentarily out of mind — in the Far East. Here, two men climb a bus stop in Whitehall to catch a glimpse of Churchill.

Martin Walker gauges the effects of massive losses and massive triumph on the Soviet Union

The sustaining myth of war



PERHAPS the only way for Britain to understand the historic impact and contemporary importance of the Second World War on the Soviet Union is to recall for how many years Britain lived in the shadow of the trenches of the first war. The haunting absence of the lost generation throughout the inter-war years, the memory of the monstrous losses on the barbed wire of the Somme, the war memorials in every town and school and a remembrance day in which the minutes of silence were scrupulously observed: these features of life in Britain between the wars have found their parallel in Russia for the past 40 years.

In a fundamental sense, the war is not yet over. The latest Soviet propaganda campaign is aimed at the "revanchists" of West Germany, who are accused of trying to recover Germany's pre-war frontiers. The Soviet media has been obsessed with the long sequence of 40th anniversaries since 1981, forty years after the Nazi invasion. In 1982, there was the anniversary of Stalingrad; in 1983, the anniversary of the Battle of Kursk, the biggest clash of tanks in military history; last year, there was the anniversary of the great offensive that drove the Germans from Russian soil and advanced into Poland.

And from the beginning of this year, it seems that hardly an issue of any Soviet publication has been without its commemorative article with the 40th anniversary logo. Every day, there has been a war film on TV, and every cinema has been showing the commemorative movies made for the occasion. The film Victory, the film biography of Marshal Zhukov, the film Strategies Of Victory succeed one another at the local cinemas, and the books and novels and short stories of the war dominate the bookshops and the literary magazines.

The kind of media overkill which Britain reserves for coronations and Royal weddings is devoted here to the great patriotic war — and for much the same reason. Such events are a vital symbol of the legitimacy of the State of the nation, and of the national unity the State seeks to promote.

It has probably not been generally realised in the West to what degree the war itself changed the internal structure of the Soviet state, forced it back to its ancient Russian roots, and even began a hesitant rapprochement with the old Orthodox Church. Internal propaganda began to focus on the "rodina" — the motherland — rather than on the Soviet Union as the base of the Communist International.

The status and privileges (and even the old Tsarist epaulettes) of the officer corps were restored, and a new series of medals and military orders were introduced in the names of the heroes and leaders of Tsarist times — Kutuzov, who defeated Napoleon, and Suvorov, who carried the Tsar's eagles across the Alps, and Alexander Nevsky, who fought off the Teutonic knights in medieval times. Even today, elderly Russians can recall the sense of shock with which they heard Stalin begin his first wartime speech with the age-old salutation "brothers and sisters . . ." rather than the usual "comrades."

These were changes of mood, and the war's physical transformations of the Soviet economy and industrial base have proved more durable. The phenomenal programme of relocation of Soviet industry from the path of the German advance into the new industrial centres behind the Urals and in the southern republics created whole new industrial regions almost overnight, and the evacuation programmes gave them an instant population. Before the war, the Soviet Union was an industrialised region in European Russia with a vast and underdeveloped Asian hinterland. Victory brought with it the opportunity to rebuild the shattered industries of the vast tracts the Germans had occupied. The Soviets could claim to have industrialised the whole continent — and had laid the foundations for the 30-year phase of dynamic industrial growth which followed the war.

The performance of the Soviet economy during the war, given that the Germans occupied territories which had produced two thirds of Russia's iron, steel, and coal, and 40 per cent of her grain, cattle, and people, was stupendous. The new factories turned out over 100,000 tanks, over 150,000 aircraft, and over 800,000 artillery pieces. The quality of production was outstanding. The T-34 was probably the best tank of the war, and the Sturmovik the best ground attack aircraft. This achievement lies at the heart of the controversies which continue to nag at relations with Britain and the US: how far the Allies helped, and how far they simply waited and watched while Russia and Germany bled each other to death.

Soviet historians now claim that the Western Allies supplied a mere 4 per cent of her military requirements, and if you include everything from bandages to bombs, that figure is probably about right. But looking at key sectors, the Allies provided over 22,000 aircraft (15 per cent of Soviet production), almost 13,000 armoured vehicles (11 per cent of Soviet production), and above all, 436,000 motor vehicles — very much more than the Russians themselves produced, and equivalent to Germany's vehicle production throughout the war. The Red Army was mechanised through lend-lease, and carried to Berlin on American trucks.

But Soviet criticisms of the Allies focus more sharply on the long delays before the British and American armies opened the second front in France. "Not until it was clear that the Red Army had defeated the Wehrmacht and was poised to liberate the rest of Europe, did the Allies finally open the second front", Defence Minister Marshal Sokolov writes in the latest issue of Kommunist.

There is a great deal of truth in the Soviet charge. At the time when the Americans entered the war, 72 per cent of the German divisions were on the Eastern front, and even after D-Day, the Red Army never faced less than 65 per cent of the Wehrmacht's divisions. As Churchill said in 1944: "It is the Red Army that tore the guts out of the German military machine, and is at the present moment holding by far the larger portion of the enemy on its front".

The point the Russians persistently refused to take is that the Allied second front was operating in the skies over Germany from 1942 onwards. The 30,000 British lives lost among Bomber Command aircrew made it the costliest battle of our war. More to the point, whereas two thirds of the Luftwaffe were available for the eastern front in 1941. By mid-1943 when the Allied bombing offensive was in full stride, only one German aircraft in three was facing the Russians. The rest were trying to defend the Reich, and so were a million men in the anti-aircraft artillery and the fire brigades.

But none of this can withstand the awesome weight in the argument of the Soviet losses. In round figures, they lost 20 million lives, one in ten of their population. In Byelorussia, the republic longest occupied by the Germans, every fourth inhabitant died. Only 3 per cent of the young men born between 1920 and 1923 survived the war.

A terrifying proportion of these losses were due to military and political incompetence. Stalin's purge of the officer corps before the war, his bland refusal to believe the intelligence reports of the threatened invasion, and what Nikita Khrushchev described as his "long panic" as the German Panzers raced towards Moscow and Leningrad help explain the devastating defeats the Russians suffered in the first four months of the war.

By the end of 1941, the Germans had taken 3,350,000 Russian prisoners, and although driven back from Moscow by Zhukov's counter-attacks with reinforcements brought from Siberia, the German drive through the Donetsk Basin and into the Caucasus in 1942 bagged over a million more. By the end of 1942, the Germans had more Russian PoWs than the entire total of the British armed forces. Some of these prisoners chose to fight for the Germans — there were Cossacks opposing the Allied landing at D-Day. Many more died in captivity, and most of the rest were killed or sent direct to the labour camps after being "liberated."

Some 25 million men served in the Soviet armed forces during the war: 13.7 million of them died. Another seven million civilians died. But the Soviet system was able to absorb these losses, survive and fight back. This resilience, in the wake of the gross social dislocations, of the five-year plans, the collectivisation of agriculture, the Ukraine famine, and the purges, all of them within the 10 brief years before the war, still defies belief. But somehow it happened and successive Soviet regimes have not unreasonably seen the victory as the ultimate justification of the system and of themselves, as the generation which triumphed.

This view of the war as in some way legitimising the Soviet State is deeply-engrained even among the fiercest critics of the regime. Alexander Zinoviev, for example, the exiled writer, still maintains that "without collectivisation and industrialisation, we would have been crushed." He goes on to justify the purge of the officer corps as opening the way to a new generation of efficient leaders, and even the Nazi-Soviet Pact is explained because "the forces of capitalism sought to hurl Hitler against the USSR."

The media, the educational system, the Party propaganda, and the oral tradition passed down from that privileged group, the war veterans, combine — in the absence of any revisionist or alternative history — to maintain this vision of the war as the great sustaining myth of the Soviet State. Even with the country now led by a generation too young to have shared in the heroics, this is unlikely to change. New rituals of remembrance have developed, like the way most Moscow brides now lay their wedding bouquet at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

But one nagging element remains — Stalin himself, the war leader, and the man who whipped the country into the industrial shape required to survive the war. Britain has enough problems reconciling our Churchill as war leader with the Churchill who led the way to disaster at Gallipoli, whose strategic errors led to the terrible defeats of 1941 in Greece, at Tobruk, and at Singapore, defeats as shameful in their own way as the early Soviet disasters. But at least the blame for the errors of appeasement, for Britain's lack of preparation for war, for the disaster of Dunkirk, can be shifted on to other, discredited politicians. The Russians are faced with the almost schizoid challenge of taking the good with the bad of Stalin, his achievements and his monstrous crimes alike.

And in the end, it is probably the sheer scale of all things Russian that continues to defeat our comprehension. The Russian war waged over 1,500 miles from Berlin in the west to Stalingrad in the east, over 1,000 miles from Leningrad in the north to the southern mountains of the Caucasus. The single Russian city of Leningrad lost more dead than Britain and the US put together. The vastness of the battlefield and the length of the casualty lists combine to dwarf our imagination.

Jack Higgins remembers the relief victory brought for his generation

Where we came in



BY 1945 it wasn't a question of whether we were going to beat the Germans, but when? Already the talk was all about how long it would take to defeat the Japanese. Informed opinion inclined to 1948. Three more years! Instruction in the Army Cadet Force was now geared to the demands of jungle warfare. We were the lads who would take on the Japanese, our officers informed us. As they were usually schoolmasters in uniform, one didn't need to take their opinion too seriously. When I look at the photo of me standing there beside my mother in the spring of '45, tall for 15 and hugely ridiculous in the ill-fitting uniform, I don't think I'd have caused the Japanese too much unease.

I spent the war years in Leeds and we had a comparatively easy time of it. I cowered in the cellar shelter on two or three occasions when bombs fell, but on the whole, the Luftwaffe gave Leeds a miss, unlike Belfast where we'd come from and which experienced worse bombing attacks than Coventry.

We knew there was a war on, of course. My step-father was RAF groundcrew, servicing Lancaster bombers, and my Uncle Bob, a tank sergeant, had been taken prisoner before Dunkirk, his regiment and their ancient Rolls-Royce armoured cars wiped out by Rommel's Panzers. And I remember a close friend at school being sent for by the headmaster, returning in tears because the dread telegram had arrived to say that his father had been killed in action in the North Atlantic.

A week before VE-Day, I happened to be looking out of the kitchen window when a taxi drew up and a scarecrow in black beret and enormous khaki greatcoat got out. Uncle Bob, released by American troops on their triumphant drive across Germany. He'd escaped from prison camps four times so the Nazis, in defiance of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, had sent him to a special enclave at Auschwitz concentration camp that handled bad lads like him from the various Allied armies. Two-thirds of his companions had died in that dreadful place. If you were an officer and made a nuisance of yourself they sent you to Colditz Castle. If you were an NCO or private, Auschwitz. It was a long time before the significance of that struck me.

A whiff of something terrible there, horrors to be disclosed, but as VE-Day approached, only fine weather.

In 1947 I was posted to Germany as a young soldier to duties on the East German border and in Berlin. Men in the street all seemed to wear old uniforms for want of something better, women worked on building sites, the kind of devastation still visible everywhere that seemed to cry out: No more wars!

The United Nations was there to take care of that. From now on only peace. That bright hope soon faded and a boy down the street, two years younger than me, found himself, in 1950, an infantryman at war in Korea, a place no one had heard of on the other side of the world where he was soon taken prisoner by Chinese troops. He spent more than two years in an extremely unpleasant prison camp in North Korea where two thirds of his companions died, a circumstance uncannily similar to what had happened to my uncle at Auschwitz.

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Hello, sailor! The Royal Family and the Prime Minister appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace

Martin Gilbert analyses the massive mutual benefits from Churchill's understanding with Stalin

Britain's grand alliance



NO TWO POWERS stood to gain so much by their wartime alliance as Britain and the Soviet Union in June 1941. Britain, fighting Nazi Germany alone since the fall of France a year before, beaten back in North Africa to the borders of Egypt, her shipping lifeline endangered in the Atlantic, the United States still neutral, saw in Russia's ability to resist the German invasion the final fragile barrier between her own survival — and defeat. Aid to Russia became an essential adjunct of Britain's own self-preservation.

Russia, herself surprised by the timing and scale of the German onslaught, needed immediate help if time was to be gained for the gathering of her strength to check the ferocious attack. British help, in whatever measure it could be provided, was a means to save Soviet communism.

The aid given by Britain was on as massive a scale as Britain's own war economy would allow. There was also an immediate political decision, incorporated in the Anglo-Soviet agreement of July 21, 1941, that neither Britain nor the Soviet Union would make a separate peace with Germany. In spite of increasing Soviet suspicions as the war progressed, Britain adhered to this pledge. No Anglo-German army ever turned against the Soviet Union, in spite of Soviet fears that Rudolph Hess's mission to Britain had been mounted to that end.

A second Russian request, made within forty-eight hours of the German invasion, was for a British military expedition against the coast of German-occupied Europe. Churchill, who supported the request, asked the British Chiefs of Staff to examine it as a matter of urgency, and even suggested Cherbourg or Brest as two possible points of attack.

On military grounds, the Chiefs of Staff felt unable to recommend either operation. To Russia's private and public distress, three years were to pass before the Normandy landings. Stalin, however, welcomed both the renewed British offensive in North Africa at the end of 1941, and the subsequent landings in southern Italy in 1943, as definite and timely relief for the hard-pressed Russian forces on the eastern front.

As the Russian front was driven back almost to Moscow, each of Stalin's requests for military and material aid was met with alacrity. In those first months, so dangerous for Russia, Britain also prevailed upon the United States to supply the Soviet Union with American equipment and raw materials, over and above that available in Britain.

There were other substantial British contributions to Russia's military resistance during the first year of the war in the east. One was an increase in the scale and intensity of British bombing of Germany. A second was the acceptance of a high risk of loss on the northern convoys taking supplies to Russia. A third was the occupation of southern Iran, linking up with Russian forces in the north of Iran and establishing British control over a road and rail route whereby American military aid could reach Russia through the Persian Gulf.

At the end of August 1941, British and Soviet soldiers joined forces south of Tehran: three and a half years before they were to meet on the Elbe.

As Soviet troops battled to defend Moscow, Churchill's wife Clementine launched an Aid to Russia Appeal which, as one observer noted at the time, "touched the feeling of popular sympathy for the Russians and their gallant resistance." On VE Day she was in Moscow, after a triumphant tour of hospitals throughout Russia where the money sent from Britain had enabled major facilities to be built and maintained.

The extent of Britain's material aid to Russia was formidable, covering every facet of the naval, air, and land war. The Russians were to receive, in nine monthly deliveries, a total of 1,800 British Hurricanes and Spitfires, in addition to nine hundred American fighters and nine hundred American bombers. For the Soviet Navy, 150 sets of "Asdic" submarine detection sets were to be supplied, as well as 1,500 naval guns, 3,000 anti-aircraft machine guns, and eight destroyers. For the Red Army, Britain and America combined to provide a thousand tanks a month, and spare parts, 300 anti-aircraft guns a month, 300 anti-tank guns a month, and two thousand armoured cars a month, together with their anti-tank guns.

Other Soviet needs which the British and American Governments supplied included 4,000 tons of aluminium a month, substantial quantities of copper, tin, lead, brass, nickel and cobalt, 13,000 tons monthly of steel bars for shells, industrial diamonds, machine tools, rubber, wool, jute and lead. For the soldiers of the Red Army, Britain was to provide three million pairs of Army boots in the autumn of 1941, followed by 400,000 pairs a month, the Americans sending in addition, also monthly, 200,000 pairs of army shoes. More than a million metres of army cloth were to be supplied each month.

Medical supplies were likewise on a vast and comprehensive scale, including more than 10 million surgical needles and half a million pairs of surgical gloves. Other medical supplies, as the Soviet casualties mounted, included 20,000 amputation knives, 15,000 amputation saws, 100 portable X-ray sets, 4,000 kilogrammes of local anaesthetics, more than a million doses of the recently discovered antibiotics, (including M & B), sedatives, heart and brain stimulants, 800,000 forceps for bone operations, instruments for brain and eye operations, and a million metres of oilcloth for covering wounds.

"Rush Aid to Russia" became the public slogan. But the search for this aid alerted the British leaders to a new, and for some a startling fact; the bulk of the military supplies which Russia needed could only be found in the United States. Britain simply did not have the resources. "The four hundred fighter aircraft which we have taken from our seriously diminished reserve," Churchill explained to Sir Stafford Cripps (Britain's Ambassador in Moscow) in September 1941, "are no doubt petty compared with the losses sustained by the Russian Air Force. They constitute however a painful and dangerous sacrifice on our part."

In September 1941 British Hurricanes were in action against German Messerschmitts near Murmansk, in Northern Russia. Three Messerschmitts were shot down, with no British casualties. But while Britain could not provide the far more substantial air forces for which Stalin had pressed earlier that month, she was able to provide something of even greater value: intelligence.

British Intelligence was reading every day the most secret German Air Force messages, giving the fullest details of German military dispositions, moves, and plans on the eastern front. As early as June 24, 1941, Churchill had instructed Sir Stewart Menzies, the head of the British Secret Service (known as C), to divulge this intelligence to the Russians.

Learning through this most secret source of the German plan to launch an all-out assault on Moscow in September, 1941, a warning was at once sent to the British Military Mission in Russia, for immediate delivery to the Kremlin. Eight further warnings were sent to Moscow in the following four days, giving the Russian High Command more than a week's notice of German battle formation, and plan of attack.

In addition to reading the most secret German Air Force messages, British Intelligence had just begun to break the equally secret German Army messages, known by the code name Vulture. This code was used for communications between the German armies on the eastern front, and the Army High Command in Berlin. At the end of September, 1941, these Vulture messages gave the exact numbers of German armoured and motorised divisions committed to the drive on Moscow. "Are you warning the Russians of the developing concentration?" Churchill asked Menzies on the first day of the German offensive against Moscow, and he added: "Show me the last five messages you have sent out to our mission on the subject."

Menzies was able to assure Churchill that the essential Intelligence information had indeed been sent to Moscow. It included information about German air and ground concentrations, indicating clearly the precise areas from which major operations were to be launched

Week by week Churchill studied the most secret sources of British Intelligence not only for what they told the British Chiefs of Staff about German intentions, but for what they might be able to tell the Russians. On one occasion, on reading several crucial intercepted German messages, he asked Menzies "Has any of this been passed on to Joe?"

While British self-preservation was the impetus behind these commitments, a knowledge of Russia's torment soon contributed to a deep public sympathy for the Red Army, and for the Russian people. Among the most secret German messages being read by British Intelligence were the almost daily reports of the slaughter of Russian civilians on the eastern front. In the first month of the eastern war, nearly a million Russian Jews were murdered in pits and ravines outside their homes and villages. Millions of non-Jews were also murdered; victims of a racism in which both Jews and Slavs were to be either eliminated or enslaved.

The suffering on Soviet soil affected the British in several ways. There was a realisation that, once war had come to Russia, Britain's own civilian suffering, 60,000 dead in the bombing raids from 1939 to 1945, paled beside Russia's losses. While Russian prisoners-of-war were systematically massacred (several thousand Red Army men were among the very first victims of the gassings at Auschwitz), British prisoners-of-war were, in the main, humanely treated, and survived the war.

From the first days of the German attack on Russia, German messages read by British Intelligence revealed details of mass shootings of victims described variously as "Jews", "Jewish plunderers", "Jewish bolshevists" or "Russian soldiers". On August 7, 1941, an SS Cavalry Brigade reported that it had carried out 7,819 executions in the Minsk area. That same day a German police message from the central sector of the front revealed 30,000 executions in that sector in the previous six weeks.

These details were read in London by those with access to the most secret Intelligence. They were also made public at the highest level. "Since the Mongol invasion of Europe in the sixteenth century", Churchill declared in a nationwide broadcast in August, 1941, "there has never been methodical, merciless butchering on such a scale, or approaching such a scale".

The slaughter of Russians was to reach horrendous proportions. As many as four million Soviet prisoners of war were murdered in German captivity. In addition to one and a half million Russian Jews murdered during these tormented years, more than two million Russian civilians were also killed in German terror raids and reprisal actions against partisan attacks. For each Londoner killed in the Blitz, 20 Russian civilians were killed in the siege of Leningrad: a total of nearly a million dead in that one city.

It was the Russian suffering, and the eventual advance of the Red Army, with over five million of its own men killed in action, which determined the political future of post war eastern Europe. Churchill saw an essential justice in this, that those who had borne the brunt of the barbarism, the fighting and the casualties should have the largest say in the discussion of borders and political arrangements. This seemed especially so in regard to the future Governments of Romania, Hungary, and Bulgaria, whose forces had participated in the German attack on Russia, and whose capitals were occupied by the Red Army at the very moment when their political future was to be decided.

It was the Red Army's victories which, by June, 1944, gave Russia the ultimate physical and, from Russia's perspective, moral rights in eastern Europe. After the Anglo-American invasion of Italy in 1943, and even after the Normandy landings in June 1944, the Red Army remained Germany's main adversary, division by division, and mile by mile.

The British press, reporting each day from all the battle fronts, gave the largest number of its banner headlines to the advance of the Red Army, whose vast, costly and spectacular battles overshadowed in the public mind the Anglo-American air bombardments which were slowly but systematically crippling Germany's tank, plane, and oil production.

In the face of Russia's predominant military contribution, the political conflicts, sharp though they were, were also unequal. At Moscow in October, 1944, Churchill accepted Stalin's wish for a 90 per cent say in the future of Romania, Hungary, and Bulgaria, Hitler's now almost beaten allies. He was relieved to find the Soviet leader had no desire for predominance in Greece, or in Italy.

Only for Poland did the British Government fight with a tenacity which derived from Britain's pre-war Treaty with Poland, and Poland's own formidable sufferings under German rule. Yet even here, Churchill accepted as a just demand the Soviet desire to annexe (or, as the Russians saw it, to recover) the eastern third of Poland, as well as the former Tsarist Baltic provinces of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, which had enjoyed twenty years of independence between the wars, largely as a result of Russia's defeat at the hands of Poland in 1921.

In return for Poland's loss of eastern territory, Britain and the Soviet Union agreed to compensate Poland with German territory in East Prussia and Silesia. It was not Poland's future borders, however, but the political composition of the post-war Polish Government, which was the central cause of quarrel between Britain and the Soviet Union from 1943 to 1945. In the event, the liberation of Poland by Soviet troops, and the arrival of the Red Army in Warsaw, were the decisive facts. Against such facts, Britain had no argument.

By May, 1945, the divide between the Soviet and British perspectives was not only established, in the form almost of a line drawn across Central Europe, but it had begun to sour Anglo-Soviet relations at every allied conference, including Yalta. The Allies in the field had become adversaries at the conference table. In the public mind, however, the knowledge of Russia's far greater suffering in human terms overshadowed the bitterness of this new conflict. The sufferings were, after all, as horrendous as the political disagreements were deep.

Today, it is these political disagreements of forty years ago which form the basis of Europe's frontiers and ideologies. Ten years ago, as part of the Helsinki Agreement, the new frontiers of 1945 were the subject of a negotiated instrument to which Russia, Britain and the United States were among the signatories. Soviet suffering, the murder of so many millions of Soviet civilians, is less remembered. Today, as we go about our essentially separate ceremonies of remembrance, is surely an apposite time to call those sufferings back to mind.

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Mike Peyton tells why his war didn't end on May 8

How I freed Europe



VE-DAY — in the bit of Europe I was in — had one drawback: it wasn't a unanimous decision. I, for one, was still fighting for it. I was with the Russian army, sort of temporarily attached, and my memory tells me that we were at a place called Brux in Czechoslovakia. The opposition was some German SS. I suppose — like us — no-one had told them the war was over. It was a case of troops being hoisted by their own propaganda. They had been told the Russians took no prisoners, so what the hell, fight on.

I was there because I had been made a prisoner-of-war in Germany, and four of us — two South Africans and a gunner named Warnock from Cardiff (a Christmas card every year since) decided that if we got a chance we would make a run for it. The chance came during an air raid. Everyone dived for cover, guards included, and we four set off towards a wood. Warnock and I made it; we never saw the South Africans again.

After various vicissitudes — getting through the German lines was one — we finally met up with a Russian patrol. Fortunately we had had the forethought to learn off a Russian prisoner how to say in Russian: "I am an escaped British prisoner." This message was obviously understood, as they hung a bandolier about our necks, gave us a rifle and we turned round and started drifting back the way we had come, liberating Europe.

More vicissitudes followed and gradually we were joined in them by other English speakers, always two at a time like Noah's Ark. Australians, New Zealanders, and Canadians, until there were about fourteen of us. One of the Canadians could milk, I remember. We ended up outside Brux where the aforesaid SS were misguidedly holding out. We were in a barn, off watch as it were, when an American flier was passed on to us.

I remember his opening words: "What are you guys doing here — the Goddam war's over." We got to a wireless (they called them that in those days) and from the gist of what we heard, he was right. I don't know why, when we found out, the thought of getting killed seemed so much worse than it had previously, but it did.

So we left the Russians to convince the SS, comandeered a German troop transporter and drove across a disintegrating Germany. More vicissitudes and so we came home from the war, a few days late.

William Darling became tropicalised in Belfast

To war in a tin box

THERE could, I suppose, have been more dramatic settings for the great news. Punching into a rising Atlantic gale perhaps, or doing something heroic up the Rhine or Elbe. Waiting for the Gourock train at Glasgow Central seemed a bit prosaic by contrast.

And it wasn't really all that exciting. A great sense of relief of course at one great job finished but none of that sharp sense of survival that those at the sharp end must have felt when the shooting stopped. We had all seen it coming for the past few weeks and in any case I had been aimed at another target.

For *that* war had been over for me for six months or so. After Normandy we landing craft types had run our ships across the Channel until the more important bits started falling off. Then we had dumped them unceremoniously on the mud flats behind Portsmouth for the scrap iron men, and gone our separate ways.

For most of us it was towards that other war where we seemed to have come off the ropes and to be gathering strength for the long slog up the eastern seaboard of Asia. Some were shipped out there direct to spend six months doing nothing and then a similar time queueing for a troopship home.

For me it was Paisley to commission a new craft, then Belfast for what was laughingly described as tropicalisation. Splendid place during the war Belfast. It didn't seem quite as grey as the rest of the kingdom and, if you had plain clothes the even more lavish fleshpots of Dublin were only a couple of hours away. And it had the best officers' club east of the US, although perhaps I'm prejudiced as I met my wife there.

And so back to Toward Point, at the mouth of the Kyles of Bute, to work up to that state beloved of their lordships, "Being in all respects ready for sea." We would need to be to make that voyage to Ceylon and points east in what was essentially an open tin box with accommodation for twenty men and a couple of engines at the back end.

So on the great day it was there I arrived back from leave and a long grimy journey to find a great despondency. The blessed Saccone & Speed, purveyors of duty frees to the Navy, had not yet delivered the monthly order and most of the flotilla and the base were very nearly dry. My own wardroom could only muster a couple of bottles of gin and a few sherry which vanished like the dew.

It was then that the CO of the base showed he was a man born to command. Personally selecting the two most attractive Wrens in the transport pool he directed them to the brewery at Dunoon to buy every barrel and bottle in sight. But Scottish brewers are a dour lot and their total haul was a couple of small barrels and a very few dozen bottles.

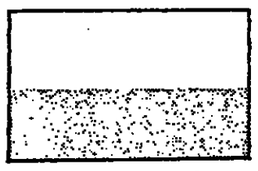
With 200 or so men from the base and the ships this was very much a loaves and fishes situation but the Commander, only mildly drunk on a mixture of sherry and Algerian red, rose to the occasion. All drink, he decreed, would be assembled in the wardroom which would then be open to all. To anyone educated in the ways of the Navy this left October 1917 in the shade but, after all, the war was over for that night at least.

It was all fairly hazy after that except for one small incident which had a lasting effect on a fairly callow 21-year-old who knew very little except how to handle and navigate a ship. Chatting to an old — probably nearly 40 — stoker petty officer I found him deploring the advent of the internal combustion engine in many naval ships. Come the revolution, he explained, there would be no furnaces to throw the officers into.

I believe my political education started that day.

Hella Pick interviews Poland's leader as well as people in the street

Liberation, or occupation?



A POLISH PRIEST, who was five-years-old in 1939, still remembers how his father jammed the earphones of their wireless set on the small child's head, so that he could absorb the announcement that Hitler's forces were pounding their relentless way into Poland.

He was too young then to comprehend the enormity of what was happening. But in 1945, when the guns at last fell silent over the ruins of Poland's cities, and the remains of 6 million Polish dead, virtually every survivor had lived through a personal calvary of suffering from a vicious war machine that occupied Poland for almost six years.

"In 1945, we were truly happy. Few were aware that the Poland ahead of us was not the Poland for which we had fought. But now, 40 years on, many more of us have come to realise, sadly, that this is not the idea of Poland to which we had clung during the German occupation, or even when the Red Army, with Polish units alongside, at last came to liberate us."

Poland today marks 40 years of peace with the outside world. Interviews with a very wide variety of Poles suggest that most of them, have made a peace of sorts with Germans, and that hostility towards the Russians is far more deep-seated. Although there is a spate of official celebrations to mark the "Victory over fascism," and the "Liberation of Poland by our inalienable friend and ally, the Soviet Union," there is no lack of those who contend that the last four decades are a record of a "new occupation."

General Jaruzelski, now Poland's leader, and in 1945 a "young first lieutenant" in one of the Polish divisions formed in the Soviet Union, expresses no such doubts. Replying to the Guardian's questions about the memories stirred up by the fortieth anniversary of VE day, the Polish leader said he found himself that day "in a dense German forest near the Elbe."

"We were filled to the brim with the simple joy of survival: The worst evil, ever known to European nations, Hitlerite fascism, was finally knocked down . . justice had been done and we had managed to stay alive. There was an immense feeling of loss for our best friends, our comrades in arms who got killed on our long march.

"We were all sure," the General added, "that a new, better chapter was being opened in the ten-century long history of our nation. We kept on talking about Poland, strong and secure, reborn in her new and just boundaries, firmly entering the path of socialist transformation.

"That spring, when I saw an army newspaper with the photograph of a Polish general actually in Berlin, my dream was fulfilled."

Official propaganda labels all East Germans as fully reconstructed "socialists," who accept the Oder-Neisse line as carved in cement for perpetuity. Only "revanchist" West Germany still dreams of repossessing Polish territory.

At least one influential Pole voiced a more unorthodox view. "Of course there are some West Germans who cannot accept Polish reality. But I know that the vast majority in the Federal Republic recognise Poland's present borders as a fait accompli. Not so the East Germans; they know, even if they never voice it, that they can never be a substantial nation without the former territories now in Poland."

Many Poles found themselves far from their country at the end of the war. Some were with the Allied forces in the West; many were in camps in Germany; others had been pre-war immigrants in France, and spent the war in the French underground. In 1945 they had a choice of returning to Poland or remaining in the West. Four war veterans, three men and one woman, talking recently in Warsaw, all recalled the agonising debates that took place with their comrades about their future. This quartet never had any serious doubts. "Poland was my country; and my place was here", they all insisted.

A driver, who was a young boy living in the outskirts of Warsaw spoke of his mother bringing the children into the old city, which Hitler had mined, house by house in retribution for the Warsaw uprising in 1944. His father had died of wounds incurred in the uprising. The old city was filled with "burnt bodies, covered with newspapers and rags. Priests were walking amongst the dead, blessing the bodies. Every building was a broken skeleton . . . it was a surrealistic sight."

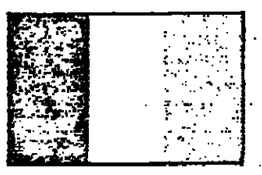
But they all set to work without asking for money, or even wondering what kind of future lay ahead. Within nine months, one of Warsaw's famous bridges across the Vistula, the Poniatowski bridge, was rebuilt. Today, forty years on, the Poniatowski bridge is in need of major repair. The authorities have announced it will take four whole years to complete them.

Many Poles see this as a symbol of decline, and see little cause for celebrations today. One Pole, a committed opponent of the present regime, claimed that already in 1945, his father had such deep foreboding that he refrained from opening the one bottle of champagne he had kept throughout the war. He had intended to drink it with the first soldier he encountered when the end of the war was proclaimed. "We knew that the German nightmare was over, but my father feared that we would have to live with the lesser evil — the Russians."

Perhaps a very simple elderly woman, surprised to be accosted by a Western journalist, should have the last word. "During the war we all hoped for liberation from East and West. The joy of 1945 was understandable. The West has let us down . . . now we don't believe that any government here can do much for us. This is not a time for great celebration. It is time for private grief and reflection."

Campbell Page finds that there was little joy in France but a need for healing

Coming to terms with suffering



THE LATE Raymond Aron, philosopher, historian and political commentator, found VE Day much less joyful than Armistice Day in 1918. This time there seemed to be a feeling of sadness and an absence of hope. "It was the end of the war, but it was the victory of the Allies rather than a French victory. Nothing to compare with the rapture in November 1918."

Asked by his interviewers whether the French simply wanted to forget the five years of war, in which France's record had not been beyond criticism, Aron was uncertain.

"It should not be forgotten that General de Gaulle, who was the head of the provisional government, immediately transformed the events of that period. He regarded himself as representing the element of permanent legitimacy in France. Since he had always been on the right side, France had been on the right side. In a very striking way, a certain number of events in the years 1940 to 1944 were, so to speak, obliterated."

In her Paris Journal, Janet Flanner, of the New Yorker, saw the streets of Paris fill with celebrants once General de Gaulle had announced victory in Europe at 3 pm on May 8.

"Except for whatever food they may have brought from home, and carried in their pockets, the marching masses lived on air and emotion. Restaurants were closed, aperitifs were scarce, beer was feeble. Peace and spring found the Parisians as badly victualled as they had been during the war and the winter, but now no one thought or cared about being hungry".

General de Gaulle was, as ever, at work healing and bracing France, and writing the script for the nation's past, present, and future. "The mission inspired in me by the distress of my country has been fulfilled. By incredible good fortune, I was given the opportunity to lead France to the end of a conflict in which she risked everything. Now France is alive, respected, regaining her territories and her rank, called alongside the greater powers to ponder the destiny of the world".

De Gaulle wrote in his memoirs: "On May 9 General de Lattre takes his place alongside the representatives of the great Allied powers beneath a panoply where the French flag is present together with theirs. At the final act of the German surrender, the representative of France is a signatory, just like the representatives of Russia, the US, and Great Britain. Field Marshal Keitel, by exclaiming: 'What! The French too!' underlined the remarkable effort which led to such a recovery."

Other events dimmed the capacity of simple rejoicing. Some survivors of the concentration camps returned from an experience which neither they nor those who welcomed them could understand.

In 1945 France was trying to come to terms with the sufferings of war and with its own recent history. Marshal Petain and other representatives of the Vichy regime were to stand trial that summer for treason, and recently occupied France was about to get its first detailed picture of the conduct of affairs on the other side of the line

Forty years later a more confident France is celebrating "the arrival of victory and the return of peace." Today the President, Prime Minister, Ministers, and generals, will gather at the Arc de Triomphe with delegations of ex-servicemen. President Mitterand will review the troops, lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier, and pause for a minute's silence before the playing of the Marseillaise.

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DAY OF VICTORY REJOICINGS

The War's Official End

ROYAL FAMILY AND PREMIER ON PALACE BALCONY

Moscow Celebrating To-day

The war against Germany officially came to an end at one minute past midnight this morning after a day of victory rejoicings by the people of Britain and her allies all over the world.

Mr. Churchill's broadcast declaration that the war had ended and that we might allow ourselves "a brief period of rejoicing" set the seal on celebrations which were already well under way. The victory holiday will continue to-day before, as the King said in his broadcast to the nation last night, "we turn, fortified by success, to deal with our last remaining foe."

The last act of the enemy's surrender was arranged to be staged in Berlin yesterday. The Premier announced that the agreement ratifying the surrender instrument would be signed by Air Chief Marshal Tedder, General Lattre de Tassigny, and Marshal Zhukov for the Allies, and by Field Marshal Keitel and the Army, Navy, and Air Commanders-in-Chief for the Germans.

Early this morning Moscow radio announced the signing of unconditional surrender by Germany. This was Moscow's first reference to the peace. A special Order of the Day was broadcast announcing that to-day will be Victory Day in Russia.

Enthusiasm in London yesterday reached its peak outside Buckingham Palace, where enormous crowds greeted several appearances on the balcony by the King and Queen and the Princesses. On one occasion Mr. Churchill joined the Royal Family on the balcony. Later the Premier was the centre of enthusiastic demonstrations in Whitehall.

During the day the King received all the members of the War Cabinet and the three Chiefs of Staff and exchanged congratulations.

MEMORABLE COMMONS SCENES

Tumultuous Welcome for Mr. Churchill

From our Political Correspondent

WESTMINSTER, TUESDAY.

It would be a sweeping statement to say that no British Prime Minister was ever received with such tumultuous acclaim as Mr. Churchill to-day. Let us be restrained, and say there has been no comparable scene in the House of Commons for at least a generation. The Munich episode did not equal it because the demonstration for Mr. Chamberlain was a preponderantly Tory affair. It was the Tories who first leapt to their feet waving their order-papers. The rest of the members certainly stood up, but not altogether without constraint. Snowden swept the House off its feet with his great peroration when introducing his 1931 Emergency Budget, but then there was a Labour Opposition which kept both its head and its seats

To-day, at the first glimpse of Mr. Churchill, coming in from behind the Speaker's chair, a House packed in all parts rose as one man and broke into a prolonged burst of ecstatic cheering—yes, "ecstatic" is not too extravagant a word. And, of course, it all went to a wild waving of order-papers.

But, as showing the explosive spontaneity of the welcome, everybody else in the House, by mere reflex action, also rose as one man. All the diplomatists (Mr. Winant among them, but not the Russian Ambassador) were seen to be standing, all the peers, too, and the body of the general public, and last the supposedly blasé Press Gallery. Even the journalists had forgotten themselves. For, remember, it is rank disorder for anyone to stand up like this in any of the galleries of the House of Commons—even the Royal Gallery.

THE PREMIER'S EMOTION

What the object of this affectionate demonstration was thinking and feeling it would be worth a king's ransom to know, but the only sign he gave was a grateful smile as members (and misbehaving non-members) resumed their seats. He instantly rose to another cheer and read to the House the announcement he had made half an hour earlier (it was now exactly 3 30) over the wireless.

That finished, Mr. Churchill paused. He was plainly fighting with emotion. He is a man of great sensitivity as well as a great fighter. It is a side of him that the public does not know, but that the House of Commons does. He was seeking words to express his gratitude to the House. Or perhaps it would be truer to say he was joyfully recognising what he has so many times acknowledged, the plain proof the House of Commons has given throughout the war that it can be the free and unfettered critic of the Executive without ever losing sight of the supreme demand of the national interest—the prosecution of the war to a victorious finish.

THE HOUSE GIVES THANKS

In Mr. Churchill's own words, it has shown how to preserve the title deeds of democracy while waging war in the most stern and protracted form. This triumph of Parliamentary democracy is very dear to Mr. Churchill. There is no affectation about it. Indeed, no British Prime Minister in war has been so scrupulous in acknowledging the supremacy of Parliament. This brought him to move the resolution—identical in terms with that submitted at the conclusion of the last war—that the House should repair to St. Margaret's "to give humble and reverent thanks to Almighty God for deliverance from the threat of German domination."

As the House rose to follow the Speaker in procession, Mr. Churchill crossed the floor and was quickly engaged in shaking hands with Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Shinwell, and other Labour leaders, and with Sir Percy Harris and some of the Liberals. It was an act instinct with the man's chivalry. We may soon come to see it as having been symbolic of the end of this Coalition which has served England probably better than any Coalition in her history.

PREMIER'S VICTORY BROADCAST

The official announcement of victory in Europe was made by the Prime Minister in a broadcast at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the statement was repeated half an hour later to a cheering House of Commons. Mr. Churchill said:

Yesterday morning at 2 41 a.m. at General Eisenhower's Headquarters General Jodl, the representative of the German High Command and of Grand Admiral Dönitz, the designated head of the German State, signed the act of unconditional surrender of all German land, sea, and air forces in Europe to the Allied Expeditionary Force and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command. General Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff of the Allied Expeditionary Force, and General François Sevez signed the document on behalf of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force and General Suslaparov signed on behalf of the Russian High Command.

To-day this agreement will be ratified and confirmed at Berlin, where Air Chief Marshal Tedder, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force, and General de Tassigny, representing the French Republic, will sign on behalf of General Eisenhower. Marshal Zhukov will sign on behalf of the Soviet High Command. The German representatives will be Field Marshal Keitel, Chief of the High Command, and Commanders-in-Chief of the German Army, Navy, and Air Forces.

Hostilities will end officially at one minute after midnight to-night, Tuesday, May 8, but in the interests of saving lives the cease-fire began yesterday to be sounded all along the front, and our dear Channel Islands are also to be freed to-day.

"The Germans are still in places resisting the Russian troops, but should they continue to do so after midnight they will, of course, deprive themselves of the protection of the laws of war and will be attacked from all quarters by the Allied troops.

"It is not surprising that on such long fronts and in the existing disorder of the enemy the commands of the German High Command should not in every case be obeyed immediately. This does not, in our opinion, with the best military advice at our disposal, constitute any reason for withholding from the nation the facts communicated to us by General Eisenhower of the unconditional surrender already signed at Rheims, nor should it prevent us from celebrating to-day and to-morrow, Wednesday, as Victory in Europe Days.

"OUR RUSSIAN COMRADES"

To-day, perhaps, we shall think mostly of ourselves. To-morrow we shall pay a particular tribute to our Russian comrades, whose prowess in the field has been one of the grand contributions to the general victory.

The German war is therefore at an end. After years of intense preparation Germany hurled herself on Poland at the beginning of September, 1939, and in pursuance of our guarantee to Poland and in agreement with the French Republic Great Britain, the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations declared war upon this foul aggression.

After gallant France had been struck down we from this island and from our United Empire maintained the struggle single-handed for a whole year until we were joined by the military might of Soviet Russia and later by the overwhelming power and resources of the United States of America. Finally almost the whole world was combined against the evil-doers, who are now prostrate before us. Our gratitude to our splendid Allies goes forth from all our hearts in this island and throughout the British Empire.

We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget for a moment the toil and efforts that lie ahead. Japan, with all her treachery and greed, remains unsubdued. The injury she has inflicted on Great Britain, the United States, and other countries and her detestable cruelties call for justice and retribution. We must now devote all our strength and resources to the completion of our task both at home and abroad.

Advance Britannia. Long live the cause of freedom. God save the King.

Mr. Churchill's message was followed immediately by the ceremonial sounding of the end of the war in Europe by the buglers of the Scots Guards.

THE GERMANS IN DEFEAT

A Political Vacuum

THE ALLIES' GREAT TEST

From our Diplomatic Correspondent

SWITZERLAND, MAY 8.

Continental nations have watched the agony of Germany's defeat more silently than they expected to do. The conception of this defeat has perhaps been too overwhelming for countries and peoples who for years have believed that immediately the German conqueror was driven out the whole face of the earth must change. The sufferings of the enslaved nations have been too deep for them to be able to grasp at once the full valour and validity of a victory over an enemy who, even in defeat, pursued his policy of extermination against the best of Europe's substance.

The thousands of mass graves upon all the countrysides where patriots have been fighting speak their own language. Not only in villages but in lonely hamlets in the north of Italy, in France, Belgium and Holland, the testimony of these unknown soldiers is everywhere.

Throughout France no train stops without the most pathetic scenes—a woman receiving her husband from German captivity, a mother her son, or a child his father. The human freight carried by the International Red Cross trains across Switzerland is beyond description and belief. "Sick people" is a mild description for these human wrecks who wear the semblance of death, not life.

Even during the days of negotiations for an armistice Germany recklessly added to the long account of her guilt. In many concentration camps, Ravensburg and Mauenhofen especially, gassing was continued until the last few days.

But even that is not an end to the reckoning of a war of terror that devastated Europe, her towns and her industries, her soil and her seed. The loss in human terms is not only of those who died but of those who could not be born. Yet that sorely tried continent lives in spite of its fear of life, and the life of its people is quickened by their determination to contribute to the great work of reorganisation.

FAITH IN BRITAIN

In virtue of this three questions are asked. Will the peace last? What opportunities will Europeans be given to shape their own future? What is to be the rôle of the Great Powers in Europe, and what will be Britain's share in a European partnership? To-day it is Britain and Britain's shining glory above all that European nations, their common people especially, believe to be part of their faith.

The German defeat at present is still a purely military one. Political victory has yet to be achieved. No movement for the future has arisen to help the Allies, no bearer of a new idea or system has emerged from the fighting. There have been a few insignificant skirmishings, in Munich, for example. They are meaningless because what has appeared is in the tradition of the old German Imperialist policy. They are even more worthless because nowhere has the German opposition proved its courage in deeds. Words there have been, but little else.

THE NAZI POISON

It is a great tragedy, perhaps the greatest tragedy of Europe, that the National Socialist poison has infiltrated so deeply into the German mind and character. No less difficult is the fact that the German soul will become the test case for the Grand Alliance. This many Germans know; they not only know it but will act upon it. In other words, Europe and the world must be aware, and should be aware for a long time to come, that where Germany was there is now a moral vacuum in which leading people still exist who would like to play the power game and nothing else. It is true that there are others, too, but it is discouraging to hear even in German opposition quarters that National Socialism was right in its national aspirations and wrong only in its methods.

THIRD REICH ENDS

At midnight last night with the formal "cease fire" on all fronts the Third Reich ceased its legal existence and its Government ceased to function. Germany and her Government have become a subjugated, conquered and occupied country, without further independent existence.

Her Government, her military leaders and all her armed forces still at liberty are then legally in the same category as prisoners of war. All German property and all her possessions and credits in foreign countries are automatically transferred to the account of the Central Allied Control Commission, which will begin to function immediately.

There will therefore be no armistice, as in 1918, with stipulated terms of what the Germans have to hand over. As from midnight last night the whole of German man-power and all German military and private property are at the disposal of the Allies.—Reuter.

FULL CAPITULATION

Text of the Surrender Document

S.H.A.E.F., PARIS, MAY 8.

The text of the German unconditional surrender document, entitled "Act of Military Surrender," is as follows:—

1. We, the undersigned, acting by authority of the German High Command, hereby surrender unconditionally to the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command all forces on land, sea, and in the air who are at this date under German control.

2. The German High Command will at once issue orders to all German military, naval, and air authorities and to all forces under German control to cease active operations at 23.01 hours (Central European Time) on May 8, and to remain in the positions occupied at the time. No ship, vessel, or aircraft is to be scuttled or any damage done to their hull, machinery, or equipment.

3. The German High Command will at once issue to the appropriate commanders and ensure the carrying out of any further orders issued by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, and by the Soviet High Command.

4. This act of military surrender is without prejudice to, and will be superseded by any general instrument of surrender imposed by, or on behalf of, the United Nations and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole.

—Associated Press.

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MR. CHURCHILL LEADS CROWD IN SONG

Floodlit Whitehall Scenes

"A VICTORY OF THE GREAT BRITISH NATION AS A WHOLE"

From our Correspondents

LONDON, TUESDAY.

Buckingham Palace and Whitehall were the centres of the great V.E.-Day demonstrations here to-day. The Royal Family made several appearances on the balcony of the Palace and on one occasion were accompanied by Mr. Churchill.

The two Princesses, escorted by Guards officers, left the Palace after nightfall to mingle with the great crowds outside.

The Prime Minister twice appeared on the balcony of the Ministry of Health, and addressed a large crowd in Whitehall. On his second appearance, made just after 10 30 p.m. when the Houses of Parliament were floodlit, he conducted the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory." Then, after referring to the celebrations, he said:

"We must begin the task of re-building our hearths and homes and do our utmost to make this country a land in which all have a chance and in which all have a duty, and there we must turn ourselves to fulfil our duty to our own countrymen, to our gallant allies the United States, who were so foully and treacherously attacked by Japan. We will go hand in hand with them, and even if it is a hard struggle we shall not be the ones who will fail."

"This is not the victory of a party or of any class or large section in the country; it is a victory of the great British nation as a whole.

"We were the first to draw the sword against tyranny. After a while we were left us alone against the most tremendous military power that has been seen. We were all alone for a whole year.

"There we stood alone. Did anybody want to give in?"

The crowd roared back a terrific "No."

"Were we downhearted?" asked the Premier.

"No," came back the answer.

Mr. Churchill: "The lights went out——." There was a great burst of laughter at this, because the floodlighting of the balcony from which he was speaking had been turned off shortly before his appearance.

"And the bombs came down. But every man, woman, and child had no thought of quitting the struggle.

"London can take it. So we came back after long months from the jaws of death, out of the mouth of hell, while all the world wondered.

"I say that in the long years to come not only the people of this island but of the world, wherever the bird of freedom chirps in human hearts, will look back to what we have done and they will say 'Do not despair. Do not yield to violence and tyranny, march straight forward and die—if need be—unconquered.'

"Now we have emerged from one deadly struggle—a terrible foe has been cast on the ground and awaits our judgment and our mercy. But there is another foe who occupies large portions of the British Empire, a foe stained with cruelty and greed—the Japanese. They would give us much worse than that," added the Premier.

Mr. Churchill then gave the "V" sign again. The crowd burst into "For he's a jolly good fellow," and, wearing his black soft hat, the Prime Minister left the balcony.

About a quarter to eleven the King and Queen and the Princess once more came out on to the balcony, where they stayed about ten minutes, waving to the crowd in response to deafening cheers. The crowd was as large as ever for this, their sixth appearance.

STIRRING EVENTS OUTSIDE THE PALACE

Earlier in the day when the time came for the Premier's broadcast, the few people among the vast crowd gathered outside Buckingham Palace who attempted to cheer when he was announced were "hushed" quiet.

When he began to speak these tens of thousands stood in a silence attentive, motionless.

A few had raised their Union Jacks to wave them. The Union Jacks remained unwaved, died still, like everything else in the enormous throng.

Only one cheer broke the intense minutes. It came when Mr. Churchill spoke of "Our dear Channel Islands." That somehow broke the tension as the theme passed from the major to the minor and the near at hand.

The tension over, some people shyly sang the National Anthem and equally shyly began their mounting calls for "The King." "We want the King."

There was a great cheer and a waving of every hat, flag, streamer as the Royal Family came out through the open balcony window, which, like the windows of so many London homes, is still of brown board and mica from the air raids.

The King was in the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet and the Queen reminded everyone of peace-time days with her love-in-the-mist blue frock and blue halo hat. Beside them stood Princess Elizabeth in A.T.S. uniform and Princess Margaret Rose in a blue dress deeper than the Queen's.

THE CLIMAX

Mr. Churchill's appearance with the Royal Family on the balcony of the Palace about 5 30 p.m. was the climax of the afternoon's stirring events outside the royal residence.

The last to leave the balcony, the Prime Minister had a special cheer of his own, and "For he's a jolly good fellow" was sung by the people.

An Australian soldier climbed the gates of the Palace, waving a flag, and led the crowd in songs and cheers.

The Royal Family appeared on the balcony again several times later, when there was a fresh wave of enthusiasm and cheering.

Soon after 3 25 Mr. Churchill left the War Cabinet office from which he had been broadcasting. Mounted police pushed a way through the crowd for him, and shouts of "Good old Winnie!" reached a crescendo when, beaming broadly, as he puffed at his cigar and giving the "V" sign, he passed across Parliament Square on his way to the House. He was perched on the roof of his open car with a man by his side.

Later when Mr. Churchill, accompanied by his war chiefs and Cabinet colleagues, stepped on to the balcony of the Ministry of Health, he looked "bulldogish," smiled, and then gave the "V" sign.

When the Prime Minister nudged Mr. Bevin in the ribs, Mr. Bevin responded with the "V" sign, to the delight of the sightseers.

"God bless you all," the Premier declared. "This is your victory—victory of the cause of freedom in every land. In all our long history we have never seen a greater day than this."

He gave the "V" sign to which the crowd responded tumultuously.

Fleet Street joined in the public celebrations in its own appropriate way with flowing cascades of "ticker" tape.

Around the fountains in Trafalgar Square young people, crushed shoulder to shoulder in the jam, began to dance. They had scarcely room to move their feet, but they managed it somehow.

Taxis and private cars came to a standstill early. The manager of a car hire firm said: "Half of our cars have been pushed over or turned upside down. The remaining drivers refuse to go out."

BOMBERS PROVIDE THRILL

A party of soldiers and sailors unearthed a barrel-organ from somewhere and raced with it to the front of the National Gallery to provide a free orchestra for the dancers.

Overhead bombers swooped and dipped in a way which caused revellers to catch their breath for fear their wings should collide with Nelson's Column.

Amidst it all thanksgiving was not forgotten and St. Paul's Cathedral was packed for the victory service at noon, while at Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's the Lords and Commons went to offer thanks.

It was in many ways a celebration very different from that of the first Armistice Day. There was much singing and shouting, but less of the hysteria and none of the blind, unthinking over-optimism of November, 1918.

Last night Britain, as represented by the ever-memorable scenes in the central city of the Commonwealth, welcomed the German surrender with joyous thanksgiving, but with a sober appraisement of all the difficulties of the years ahead. It was remembered, too, that one powerful enemy was still unvanquished.

THE KING'S PLEASURE

Last night's Court Circular stated: "The King and Queen were afforded the greatest pleasure by the loyal greetings of the vast concourse of people assembled outside Buckingham Palace to-day to celebrate the successful termination of hostilities in Europe."

PRAGUE GERMANS SURRENDER

To All Allies

The Germans surrendered unconditionally in the Prague area at 6 p.m. last night, says the Associated Press. The surrender is on the same terms as that signed at Rheims—to the British, Americans, and Russians alike.

The Germans undertook to enforce the armistice on "such units which refuse to surrender."

The agreement, said Prague radio, was signed by representatives of the Czechoslovak National Army and the German general commanding the forces in Prague. According to this agreement all Wehrmacht units, S.S. troops, German police and all German state organs in Prague and surroundings had to start leaving by 8 p.m. last night.

COASTAL LIGHTING STILL LIMITED

The Admiralty announces that for the time being existing lighting restrictions must remain in force in all coastal areas.

Until it is definitely known that all U-boats have received instructions to surrender and are complying with them, the Admiralty regrets that it is essential to continue these restrictions in full.

The restrictions will be removed as soon as possible.

Claction doffed the black-out last night with bonfires and flares on the sea front.

GERMANS LEAVING DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, MAY 8.

Nearly 200,000 German troops started the long march out of Denmark to-day in kilometre-long columns. They moved on the main roads, transporting their luggage on home-made vehicles, wheelbarrows, and even prams.—Associated Press.

U-BOATS TO FLY BLACK FLAG

Surrender Order

The Admiralty announce that the following orders have been issued for the surrender of the German Fleet:—

All German and German-controlled warships, auxiliaries, merchant ships, and other craft at sea are being ordered to report their position in plain language to the nearest Allied wireless telegraph station and are being given orders to proceed to such Allied ports as directed. They will remain in these ports until further directions are received.

All warships, auxiliaries, merchant ships, and other craft in harbour are being ordered to remain in harbour. U-boats at sea are being ordered to surface, to fly a black flag or pennant, and to report their position in plain language to the nearest Allied wireless telegraphy station. They will then proceed on the surface to such port as they may be directed.

All warships and merchant ships, whether in port or at sea, are being instructed to train all weapons fore and aft. Breech blocks will be removed from guns and torpedo tubes will be unloaded.

In harbour all ammunition, explosives, torpedo warheads, and all portable weapons will be landed.

Mine-sweeping vessels and salvage vessels, though similarly disarmed, will be instructed to complete with fuel if necessary and to present themselves immediately for mine-sweeping or salvage service as directed.

Instructions will be given for boom defences at ports and harbours to be kept open. Demolition charges and controlled minefields at all ports and harbours are to be rendered ineffective.

All personnel will be ordered to remain either on board their ships or in their establishment until other directions are received.

LA ROCHELLE FREED

French troops have entered the fortress of La Rochelle without meeting any opposition, Paris radio announced last night.—Reuter.

THE SURRENDER AT RHEIMS

Jodl's Humiliation

PLANNED CONQUEST OF BRITAIN

From our Special Correspondent

RHEIMS, MAY 8.

The end of the journey came in Rheims where at General Eisenhower's advanced headquarters in the early hours of yesterday emissaries of Admiral Dönitz accepted the unconditional surrender of Germany's stricken military forces wherever they may still be fighting in the scattered pockets of Europe.

At one minute after midnight to-night the last shot of the war should have been fired, but it is officially announced that in view of difficulties of communications which may delay orders issued to German forces troops of the Allied Expeditionary Force remaining in their present positions will take full defensive precautions.

BLOODSHED SAVED

After the enemy's collapse in the North and South of Germany and the scores of thousands of prisoners it has involved there was relatively little left to surrender, though the present issue of the conflict has saved needless bloodshed in Norway, in the remaining pockets in Czechoslovakia, and on the French Atlantic coast. It is a strange reflection of the amazing course the conflict has taken that the end should come with German garrisons still in possession in the Channel Islands and at Dunkirk, where, nearly five years ago, the flame of the most glorious British Army of all time leapt forth from disaster.

There is an eloquent comparison between that day and this in the final words of the chief German delegate in Rheims, General Gustaf Jodl, the author of the ten-point programme for annihilation of Britain and America, who recently succeeded Guderian as Chief of Staff.

Rising at the conclusion of the signing and addressing the assembled Allied chiefs, he said: "I want to say a word," and, proceeding in German: "With this signature the German people and German armed forces are, for better or worse, delivered into the victors' hands. In this war, which has lasted more than five years, both have achieved and suffered more than, perhaps, any other people in the world. In this hour I can only express the hope that the victor will treat them with generosity." There was no reply.

MESSAGE TO DONITZ

Already negotiations had been in progress for two days, but a last message had been sent to Dönitz and a signature was confidently expected for eleven o'clock on Sunday night. But as the hours went by with little sign of life but the shuffling of military police mounted at the main entrance it seemed that another hitch had occurred and that an end could not be made until late yesterday morning. All the delegates, however, were remaining on the alert and about 2 a.m. the staff cars began to arrive.

First came General Bedell Smith, the Allied Chief of Staff, who has borne the main brunt of the negotiations, closely followed by General Carl Spaatz, Chief of the American Air Forces in Europe, and by Admiral Sir Harold Burrough, Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, with Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Morgan, who was now to see the fulfilment of his masterly planning for D-Day.

Then came a little group of Russian officers in their dark-blue and gold—Major General Ivan Suslaparoff, chief of the Russian Mission to France, with special powers from the Soviet Government; Colonel Ivan Zenkovitch, and their interpreter. Major General S. Sevez, representing the French Chief of Staff, arrived next, followed by the Germans in two cars, with their escorting Allied officers. They were neat Service uniform and were frigidly correct, and with Jodl was Admiral von Friedeberg, now Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy in succession to Dönitz.

'The Times' & 'Manchester Guardian' Service

LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO DIVIDE ALLIES

No Signs of Remorse

The Germans tried their tricks until the last before the surrender, but they got nothing from General Eisenhower, (writes Reuter's Special Correspondent at Rheims): Up to the last moment they attempted to play for time to allow their troops to surrender to the western allies instead of to the Allies as a whole. Even up to May 5 and 6—that is, up to the day before the actual signing of the surrender—they continued their tactics of trying to split the eastern and western allies.

But in imposing surrender General Eisenhower did not recognise Heinrich Himmler, but accepted the signature of General Gustaf Jodl as Chief of the German Army Staff. Admiral von Freideberg raised the point about surrendering to the Russians right up to the last moment, but signed when he was told he must surrender unconditionally to the Allies of both East and West or the Allies would close their lines.

The German delegates showed no signs of remorse. They were typical of defeated Germans pleading for mercy. The last straw, they said, came when there was difficulty in inducing German troops to fight.

DUBLIN DISORDERS

British and U.S. Officials' Windows Broken

From our Dublin Correspondent

An official statement issued by the Eire Government Information Bureau last night stated:

Windows in the British representative's office and the American Consulate General were broken last night by stones thrown by a member or members of a disorderly crowd which paraded the streets after the disturbances at Trinity College, Dublin.

The Secretary of the Department of External Affairs called this afternoon on the British representative (Sir John Maffey) and on the American Consul General (Mr. McEnelly) to express the regret of the Minister for External Affairs at the occurrence, which he greatly deplored.

More disorderly scenes occurred last night in front of Trinity College, where crowds gathered to protest against the burning of an Irish flag by students. Stones were thrown at the college buildings, smashing many windows, and truncheon charges were made by the police before the demonstration could be broken up. A number of people were injured.

THE KING'S BROADCAST

A Thanksgiving

"WE TURN TO DEAL WITH LAST FOE"

The King, broadcasting last night to the British Commonwealth, said:

To-day we give thanks to Almighty God for a great deliverance. Speaking from our Empire's oldest capital city, war-battered but never for one moment daunted or dismayed—speaking from London, I ask you to join with me in that act of thanksgiving.

Germany, the enemy who drove all Europe into war, has been finally overcome. In the Far East we have yet to deal with the Japanese, a determined and cruel foe. To this we shall turn with the utmost resolve and with all our resources.

But at this hour, when the dreadful shadow of war has passed far from our hearths and homes in these islands, we may at last make one pause for thanksgiving, and then turn our thoughts to the task all over the world which peace in Europe brings with it.

TO THE FALLEN

Let us remember those who will not come back, their constancy and courage in battle, their sacrifice and endurance in the face of a merciless enemy. Let us remember the men in all the Services and the women in all the Services who have laid down their lives. We have come to the end of our tribulation and they are not with us at the moment of our rejoicing.

Then let us salute in proud gratitude the great host of the living who have brought us to victory. I cannot praise them to the measure of each one's service, for in a total war the efforts of all rise to the same noble height and all are devoted to the common purpose. Armed or unarmed, men and women, you have fought, striven, and endured to your utmost.

No one knows that better than I do—and as your King I thank with a full heart those who bore arms so valiantly on land and sea or in the air, and all civilians who, shouldering their many burdens, have carried them unflinchingly without complaint.

With those memories in our minds, let us think what it was that has upheld us through nearly six years of suffering and peril—the knowledge that everything was at stake, our freedom, our independence, our very existence as a people; but the knowledge also that in defending ourselves we were defending the liberties of the whole world—that our cause was the cause not of this nation only, not of this Empire and Commonwealth only, but of every land where freedom is cherished and law and liberty go hand in hand.

THE LAST BARRIER

In the darkest hours we knew that the enslaved and violated peoples of Europe looked to us. Their hopes were our hopes, their confidence confirmed our faith. We knew that if we failed the last remaining barrier against a world-wide tyranny would have fallen in ruins. But we did not fail. We kept faith with ourselves and with one another; we kept faith and unity with our great allies. That faith, that unity have carried us to victory through dangers which at times seemed overwhelming.

So let us resolve to bring to the tasks which lie ahead the same high confidence in our mission. Much hard work awaits us both in the restoration of our own country after the ravages of war and in helping to restore peace and sanity to a shattered world. This comes upon us at a time when we have all given of our best. For five long years and more heart and brain, nerve and muscle, have been directed upon the overthrow of Nazi tyranny. Now we turn, fortified by success, to deal with our last remaining foe.

The Queen and I know the ordeals which you have endured throughout the Commonwealth and Empire. We are proud to have shared some of these ordeals with you, and we know also that together we shall all face the future together with stern resolve and prove that our reserves of will-power and vitality are inexhaustible.

A LASTING PEACE

There is great comfort in the thought that years of darkness and danger in which the children of our country have grown up are over, and please God, forever. We shall have failed and the blood of our dearest will have flowed in vain if the victory which they died to win does not lead to a lasting peace founded on justice and goodwill.

To that, then, let us turn our thoughts on this day of just triumph and proud sorrow, and then take up our work again—resolved as a people to do nothing unworthy of those who died for us and to make the world such a world as they would have desired for their children and for ours. This is the task to which now honour binds us.

In the hour of danger we humbly committed our cause into the hand of God and He has been our strength and shield. Let us thank Him for His mercies and in this hour of victory commit ourselves and our new task to the guidance of the same strong hand.

WEATHER FORECASTS AGAIN

"A Large Depression"!

For the first time since the war began it is possible to tell the world what weather Britain is having while it is having it—and what it is likely to have. Yesterday all restrictions were removed by the censors, and the Straits of Dover's exclusive priority in up-to-date weather news is ended.

The first weather forecast since the outbreak of war, issued by the Air Ministry yesterday, said: "A large depression between Ireland and the Azores is almost stationary and small disturbances are moving northward over the British Isles. Weather will continue warm and thundery, with bright intervals in most districts."

Rain fell almost everywhere yesterday. Winds off the sea kept day temperatures down to around 50 degrees along the east coasts of England and Scotland, but inland and in western districts the day was warm, 70 degrees being exceeded at most places in South-east and South England, South Midlands, and East Anglia. London was the warmest place with 78 degrees.

[Full forecast on page 8]

VICTORY HOLIDAYS

The "Manchester Guardian" will not be published to-morrow (Thursday).

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DIARY

THE DEPUTY Speaker, Mr Harold Walker, has received a touching offer from an antique repairer to mend the Speaker's chair, so rudely damaged during last week's stormy Enoch Powell debate. The firm has sent its brochure, which offers: "Let me repair that favourite piece of furniture. Have that old chair repaired before it completely lets you down." The would-be repairer — Mr Walker won't reveal his name — says he would charge his normal rates, but adds: "As a Christian I would gladly waive all charges if Enoch Powell's Bill becomes law."

ARE THE Times and Sunday Times buildings fully rid of the dreaded Legionnaires' disease yet? What else accounts for the newspapers' sickness record, which has jumped an alarming 22 per cent in the past year? A letter has just gone out to all staff asking employees to be less sick in future since "quite simply, sickness is now at such a level that it cannot be supported any longer by the Company." In the elegant prose style that is the hallmark of the papers, Mr Tudor Hopkins, personnel manager, complains that such sickness "results in a massive on-cost."

AN embarrassing union dispute over work conditions is about to break out in a major bank in the City. Embarrassing, because the bank in question is the Moscow Narodny Bank in King William Street.

The General Secretary of Bifu, the banking union, is due to meet the comrades at the bank later this week to discuss the union's fears about what it calls the "rapidly deteriorating situtation."

A letter from Bifu to staff at the bank runs: "The callous treatment of individual employees in a number of recent cases has now indicated the Bank's increasing disregard not only for agreed procedures, but also for the legal and moral obligations it has to staff. The number of staff absent due to stress-related illnesses serves to illustrate the emotional wear and tear which inevitably results from the current atmosphere of uncertainty."

The union accuses the bank of off-hand treatment of union officials and pressure on staff who wish to stand for office. It adds the hope that May 9's meeting "will herald a new beginning based on mutual trust and respect for procedure rather than a further lurch towards outright damaging conflict."

AND MORE warring Pitts and Wetzels. Heather Wetzel, this time, secretary of the Feltham Labour Party in Middlesex. Ms Wetzel has been sent a curious letter by Mr Peter Pitt's PA requesting that she should never phone Mr P again. This, says the PA, is on account of "calling the Chair of the Arts and Recreation Committee a bastard over the telephone." Ms Wetzel hotly denies such a thing, though she admits calling him stupid. She is demanding a retraction and apology for Mr P's "terrible behaviour... this nasty lived." Mark my word, it will end in tears.

MR DAVE Wetzel, the brown sauce-loving GLC transport supremo, is not invariably in favour of the public's right to know. During a recent GLC meeting he was questioned by his Labour colleague, Peter Pitt, about the use of a non-union bus to deliver a cheque demand to Whitehall. Dave replied that he "would not expect a socialist to table a public question on the matter." He added tersely: "Other people have questioned me about this matter. They have raised the matter in a more constructive manner not in the public arena and not in front of our enemies in the capitalist press." Hush hush next time, Peter.

MRS ANGELA Rumbold, Tory MP for Mitcham, is a keen disciplinarian. She recently sent a letter to her local housing director pleading on behalf of a constituent with housing problems whose son, Mr R. J. Wright, had written a fairly brisk letter asking for help. The letter expressed the hope that, since Mr Wright wrote "offensive" letters he should stay in prison — "hopefully for quite a number of years." Alas, Mr Wright is currently on remand in Brixton prison and has to undergo the formality of a trial before Angela's wish can be considered.

PRIVATE enterprise is leaping to the defence of prison officers. Those screws who fear that rubber gloves and barrier cream is scant protection against the tidal wave of AIDS should note the advert in the current POA magazine for the Portex Resuscitade — "Reduce the risks and save a life!"

Alan Rusbridger

The disaster team at Reagan's right hand

COMMENTARY
Alex Brummer



IT WAS in early March, as the first pink of spring laced Washington and a few days before comrade Gorbachev made his debut, that a top White House aide called a small group of five reporters into his office. The aide, who in time-honoured style refused to be identified, was seeking to explain why the President would skip a Nazi death camp visit during his European trip.

"There are other horrors," the bluff aide explained. "We don't celebrate massacres of Indians, which we perpetrated ourselves, and we should remember that." Then, warming to his theme, he noted that the holocaust was 40 years ago and "most of the people in Germany were not even alive when this happened."

The aide, speaking under the cover of anonymity, was Donald Regan, the newly installed silver-haired White House chief-of-staff. Regan who had previously sought to run the US Treasury like Merrill Lynch, as a pragmatic chief-executive making sweeping decisions, rather than a bureaucrat enveloped in detail, had unwittingly stumbled into a minefield which has come to haunt Reagan presidency.

The Bitburg blunder; the befuddled dealings with Gorbachev: the politically bruising clash with the Congress over funding for the Contras in Nicaragua and the unworkable budget deal with Senate Republicans are all the result of disastrous staff work. At a stroke they appear to have turned a mandate for greatness — as some historians saw the opportunity of Reagan's second term — into a spectre of lame-duckery.

While on their own none of these errors match the epoch making mistakes of other second term Presidencies, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt's picking of the Supreme Court in 1936 or Lyndon Johnson's escalation of the Vietnam war three decades later, they have dimmed the bright light of the Reagan presidency. Mr Reagan's march through Europe was transformed from one of sunny smiles before spectacular historic backdrops to anguished expressions before some of the most sombre monuments of man's inhumanity to man.

This impaled image of the Presidency, one American believed it had left behind with Jimmy Carter's malaise speech in the summer of 1979, became almost inevitable with the breakup of the triumvirate of advisers who guided Mr Reagan so adeptly through the high seas of his first term. From the bloody mess on the pavement outside Washington Hilton, through the panic of the 1981-2 recession and the smell of impropriety at the top to the retreat from the Lebanon, they shielded the Oval Office from opprobrium. It was the team of Michael Deaver, Edwin Meese and James Baker which made the man and resuscitated the Presidency.

Advisers are of more importance to Mr Reagan than perhaps any other modern President. Lou Cannon, in his biography of Reagan, noted that when he was elected Governor of California, "Reagan had goals, but no programmes. He had ideas but was without a practical conception of how to translate them into action."

As a "hands-off" President—a leader with little taste for day to day management—Mr Reagan is happiest clearing brush on his California ranch, mixing up show business pals and world leaders at state banquets and talking into the radio microphone which sparked his fairy tale career. He is, and has always been, utterly dependent on his aides. Deaver was the alter-ego who with Nancy Reagan protected Ronnie from poor ideas and himself.

Baker is the classic Washington operator who knows that three hours of phone calls to the networks and important daily newspapers is far better spent than in staff meetings. Meese was the sponge and the filter for the crazy conservatism for which Reagan has always been a magnet. All were fallible and flawed but all had finely honed political instincts.

This cannot be said of their successors. While Deaver's search for discount BMWs may have distracted him at Bitburg last winter the political insensitivity and lack of historical perspective which allowed it to happen were evident when Don Regan talked to those few reporters two months ago. A lifetime on Wall Street, a bullying manner and four years as cheerleader at the Treasury do not create a chief-of-staff.

Regan, unlike the triumvirate who preceded him, came to the White House without the instinctive political knowledge that a national election campaign brings with it. His lack of understanding of the complexity and subtlety of ethnic and constituency politics have meant critical decisions have been made in a vacuum. The tough, abrasive Regan style also means the U-turns are to avoided at all cost lest they be seen as a sign of weakness.

Moreover, the chief-of-staff compounded his own lack of political wisdom by appointing Patrick Buchanan, a tall cherubic-faced Nixon speechwriter and an unalloyed right-wing ideologue as White House director of communications. In Buchanan the White House has an effective number two with a paranoid dislike of the media he is meant to service. He is a man with an ideology fixed in concrete and a limited intellect.

A high-priest of the bizarre Heritage Foundation School of Conservatism, Buchanan is the sort of thinker who regards the likes of Mrs Thatcher as wet. He argued the President should not "succumb to the Jews" over Bitburg. None of this has harmed his career in Don Regan's White House where Mr Buchanan has added the Office of Public Liaison to his empire. He has also grappled successfully with his superiors winning a presidential veto of a farm bail-out, urging a flinty edge to the President's Nicaraguan rhetorie and ensuring the White House ignore a nasty scuffle on the apron at Seoul.

While the Regan-Buchanan bother-boy tactics may excite the true Reaganauts they have alienated whole constituencies which the President will need if he is to have his way with Congress before the mid-term elections (in November 1986). Don Regan's budget compromise was doomed to failure the moment he reversed the President's election pledge and sought to pare back inflation indexed increases in old age pensions.

By putting the President on television to personally sell a doomed budget package by filling Mr Reagan's head with overipe words of vituperation for the Contras, by trivialising the Second World War and the holocaust the new White House team has undermined his authority, watered down his mandate. They have also been outgunned in the war of arms reduction by the Kremlin's new face.

None of the President's problems are yet irreversible. If he listens to Jim Baker who has been quietly remoulding a tax reform package and to George Shultz plotting a careful step-by-step approach to a well-prepared summit with Moscow, Mr Reagan can still rise Mr Reagan can still rise above constituency beefs and seize the political high ground.

But to do so will mean defanging a Regan-Buchanan team that has deeply wounded his leadership.



Den Dover, the "red hot right winger" who argues for sensible policies. Pictures by Denis Thorpe

PETER HETHERINGTON meets the Tory MP who keeps strange company in the House

On the slight shifts of Dover

FROM THE Monday postbag to the Saturday morning surgery, Den Dover cannot escape the fact that the Government is in trouble and he appears in no mood to defend it.

Another busy week on constituency business — for above all, he is a constituency MP — has seen yet *more critical letters* ("I could show you hundreds") and more verbal complaints over the Government's inability to tackle unemployment: "They can be out of touch with the real world," he says, throwing political caution to the wind.

Sandwiched between parliamentary business, he has braved the wrath of angry teachers and a few pupils, desperate for jobs, in the staff room of a local comprehensive; visited a threatened *textile mill, one of the last* in his constituency. He has listened to more complaints at the annual meeting of a local Tory branch — "they're very concerned about unemployment" — attended the opening of some energy saving houses and opened a school fete.

On the housing site, a contractor who says he had some sympathy with Mrs Thatcher, confides that he now finds aspects of government policy distasteful "bordering on the unfeeling."

Den Dover, the local MP since 1979, does not mince his words on this or any other complaint: "That goes right against our monetarist policies — forcing prices up, fuelling inflation. It's inconsistent and has angered our supporters."

A question on jobs would have provoked an equally frank reply. For he is not only prepared to openly criticise the Government but also *to oppose it regularly*. He has done so more than other Tory MPs, and a few loyal Conservatives in the constituency are a little concerned. "I've probably voted against on 12 occasions in the past year — dozens of times since 1983 and it's not been popular with the whips." He may be the "strongest supporter of Mrs Thatcher," but, like other back bench Tories he believes she and the Government has lost direction.

Chorley, (electorate 72,000) may not be readily identified with middle England, but it is truly representative *of marginal Britain*. Threequarters of the houses are privately owned, half the population is categorised as middle class — with almost 20 per cent in the professional-managerial category — and since 1970 the constituency has switched from Conservative to Labour, and back to Tory again.

The local district council reflects that marginality: 23 Tory (two recently expelled from their group for voting with the Opposition); 22 Labour, one SDP and one Independent.

The Alliance effectively split the opposition vote in 1983, giving 47 year old Mr Dover an unexpected high majority of 10,275. But on the basis of last week's county council elections, he says he would probably scrape in by 1,000 "with a massive uphill effort."

He is certain of one thing: Chorley is vital for the survival of any Conservative government. Lose it, and Mrs Thatcher would be out on her neck. Mr Dover, a former chief executive of the National Building Agency and latterly director of housing construction at the GLC, may seem an unlikely rebel: strong on capital and corporal punishment, pro South Africa, in favour of tougher immigration controls, and an admirer of Mrs Thatcher. In short, he says, a "red hot right winger" sharing the same basic philosophy as the Prime Minister.

As he has opposed the Government on everything from VAT on take away meals and house extensions to the ban on councils spending capital receipts from house sales, it is doubtful



whether the admiration is mutual.

He may be instinctively hostile to the liberal wing of his party ("I am no supporter of Peter Walker"), but fully endorses the Energy Secretary's criticisms of government policy last week. "He did exactly the right thing at the right time. They keep telling us there is no alternative but unless we take other action in the next six months no results will appear before the next election. We have to thoroughly examine possible alternatives."

Driving round the Lancashire constituency, from function to official opening, as Ministers were expressing some bewilderment at the rising level of unemployment, Mr Dover said he was frankly puzzled by the Government's reponse to the jobless: "It surprises the ministers—well they say it does—and I say, right, 'why is it I was the only conservative who voted against 15 per cent VAT on fish and chips.' In that industry alone thousands of jobs have been lost. In the building industry enormous numbers of jobs have gone and a further 80,000 have been lost by the Government's refusal to let councils spend their capital receipts. When unemployment is the No. 1 issue you just don't do stupid things like that."

But he denies he is fighting alongside the Tory liberals and insists the mild reflation he is advocating will not be inflationary. "What I'm arguing for is sensible policies. Infrastructure is the key battle, you've got everything collapsing around your neck — roads and sewers need repairing, housing needs improving — all the things to make the country more efficient and competitive."

What, then, has transformed a once loyal, rightwing Tory MP into a rebel — someone, it is said, who was on the point of being carpeted by his local constituency association. Mr Jim Moorcroft, Tory leader on Chorley district council, acknowledges he has had differences with Mr Dover in the past, but says the MP acquitted himself well at the last potentially hostile association meeting. "He gave us an undertaking that he would never put the Government in jeopardy. He was not carpeted, but he did feel some explanation was due. He probably represents the views of the electors as much as anything."

The clear implication is that Mrs Thatcher and her Ministers may not. At the annual meeting of the Parbold branch in the constituency, at the weekend, there was some strong criticism of the Government. Mr Joe Mills, a former executive with ICI and BICC, who chairs the branch, said many people admired Mrs Thatcher's style. "But there is now dismay at her rather rigid approach and outward toughness." He feels extremism can breed extremism and says the far Left can be mirrored on the right of his party. Most of all, Mr Mills and some of his associates, favour much stronger government action, in the form of a partnership, to reactivate the country's contracting industrial base.

Undoubtedly, rising unemployment in Chorley has brought the MP face to face with reality. The area has a jobless rate of 12.2 per cent, 1 per cent below the national average. But at the Holy Cross High School, which he visited at the weekend, he discovered that only 38 of the 230 school leavers last summer, are in full time employment.

The impression perhaps lingers, that Mr Diver is merely distancing himself from the Government in order to preserve a parliamentary career in the face of an anti-Tory tide at the next general election. He denies this, and insists he would be as critical in some true blue south-eastern constituency. But he is not optimistic. "I don't think the Government will change. They'll just keep on saying 3.5 per cent growth, aren't we doing fine? Inflation 5.5-6 per cent, we're on the monetarist track, controlling public spending. We don't need to reflate or put money into the infrastructure.... the arguments they've been stringing out that don't hold water. Then we'll find ourselves not having changed before an election, unable to make any changes that will have any effect."

The most prominent Tory dissident will keep on rebelling. "Yes, he's certainly an individual MP," says council leader, Jim Moorcroft. Whether Chorley remains similarly individual as a constituency is another matter. But he is trying hard.

MARTIN WALKER in Moscow on Russia's drink problem

The short cut to productivity

THE RUMOURS first began in Moscow about six weeks ago. Vodka was going to be doubled in price, or even tripled. Vodka rationing would be introduced — one bottle each per month. The State — at last — was going to do something about alcoholism.

The Soviet system deploys rumours in much the same way that the British Treasury leaks — to prepare people for the worst, so that when the official announcement comes, people are grateful for apparent "concessions." Something is going to be done about the monstrous and growing problem of alcoholism in the USSR, but it is unlikely to be quite as crude as rationing.

Vodka came to Russia in the 15th century as a State monopoly, on sale only from the "Tsar's bar" which was built on the site of what is now the Gum department store in Red Square. Apart from the 10 years of war and revolution up to 1924, when the country went through its own years of prohibition, vodka and the state have gone hand-in-hand ever since. The taxes on alcohol currently amount to about 40 per cent of all the direct and indirect taxes paid by Soviet citizens.

Soviet citizens consume some 11.5 litres of pure alcohol per head per year and an estimated 3.5 litres per head of "samogon" or home brew, which makes them the world's heaviest drinkers of spirits, and about third in the world league table for consumption of alcohol of all kinds, according to the best Western estimates. Official Soviet statistics — which seem to include only vodka and cognac — claim 8.5 litres per head.

Academician Fyodor Uglov, a Lenin Prize winner, who has campaigned for complete prohibition, wrote in Sovietskaya Kultura on March 2 that Soviet alcohol intake is five times higher than in Western Europe. There have even been alarmist suggestions that alcohol is a greater threat to the survival of the Slav race than a nuclear war.

But these per capita figures under-estimate the problem. In the traditionally Muslim republics of the south, little alcohol is drunk, so the average Russian adult is probably consuming about 20 litres of pure alcohol a year.

The price of all this in terms of health, absenteeism, crime, family breakdowns, teenage delinquency and the alarming growth in the number of birth deformities has become too high for the State to tolerate. Precise figures are not available, but informed Soviets say that Western estimates that alcohol abuse knocks about 7 per cent off the Soviet GNP is broadly correct.

To find out what the new government of Mr Gorbachev is going to do, you have to look at the city of Ulyanovsk, on the Volga. The birthplace of Lenin, it is now the scene of an intensive anti-alcohol experiment, under the direction of another of Mr Gorbachev's contemporaries and his new team of regional administrators, 51-year-old First Secretary Gennady Kolbin.

It begins first thing in the morning, when "inspectors of labour discipline" make their rounds of the drunk tanks in the police stations. Each drunk's name is taken, and delivered to his place of work, to the local press and television. The drunk then loses his bonuses at work, his 13th month of salary (a kind of holiday pay), his chance of overtime and his right to holiday vouchers from his trade union. He also loses the right to buy subsidised food from the works canteen although he can still eat there. He also loses his place in the queue for the allocation of new flats, cars and so on.

Wine and spirits shops have been compulsorily closed if they are near schools, factories, construction sites, theatres or main squares. Street kiosks are no longer allowed to sell alcohol, and the Rumochniya the tidy street corner snack bars where you can buy a drink and a sandwich have been closed.

To control the growing teenage drinking problem, the Komsomol, the Young Communists League, has been given the right to commandeer unused halls in schools and factories to make them into dry youth clubs for the evenings. The Komsomol also mount volunteer patrols to find where their contemporaries drink — and then report them to schools and parents.

At work, foremen have been told that they are responsible for their workmates, and if they fail to report a worker who arrives drunk, or takes time off to drink, then they too can lose the holiday privileges.

Together with all these sticks, there is a kind of carrot. On the two pay days each month, special free markets are set up at each major plant, where consumer goods normally in short supply can be bought—to stop workers taking their ready cash to the vodka shop.

The city's plan for alcohol production has been cut this year by 8 million roubles, and the money is being spent on producing fruit juices, setting up local workshops to produce luxury goods — in an effort to compensate the city's coffers for the loss of income for booze.

The First Secretary has reported that the Ulyanovsk experiment has been a success, that absenteeism from work has fallen by 6.3 per cent, and labour turnover by 6.8 per cent. But the most remarkable figure of his report is that sales of alcohol have declined only 1.1 per cent in the last year.

Still, informed Soviet sources say that this will be the shape of the anti-alcohol programme that is to be introduced across the USSR this year. The interesting feature is how much even the new broom or Mr Gorbachev looks like relying on the traditional Soviet remedies of social pressure and exhortation, Komsomol and volunteer militias, and how little it is relying on market forces such as price increases.

But the last time there was a sudden sharp price rise, the main result was a dramatic shortage of sugar in the shops, as Russians turned to the age-old skill of making moonshine vodka. It will take a lot more than teenage militias and pay-day fairs to solve the Soviet alcohol problem.



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You must trick people into expecting interest rates to stay high—then let them fall



NOTEBOOK

Hamish McRae

DO THOSE awful money supply figures change anything, and if so what?

Well, for a start they give further credence to the view that we are on a sterling standard and not a money supply one. For on the most favourable assumptions, the figures are sufficiently discouraging not just to justify the Bank of England's caution on interest rates, but to suggest that the current level of rates, far from being too high, is not high enough. Had it not been for the strong pound, we should surely be talking about a rise in rates, not just a delay in the expected fall.

But we are not. You have to take a really extremely glum view of the world to expect tht next movement in rates to be up rather than down. It is possible, to be sure, but a plateau seems more likely. And the reason for that is not some notional calculation about the level of real interest rates, but the simple fact that sterling is reasonably strong.

But the puzzle remains: why are people borrowing at such penal rates of interest? Put another way, why have these rates failed to check loan demand?

You can make whatever judgment you like about the "special factors" which inflated bank borrowing last month. The official argument is perfectly plausible. Were it not for the fact that we have had other examples of special factors which prove in the event not to be so special (like the additional borrowings supposedly associated with the Telecom float) it would be easy to accept this explanation.

We will have to wait and see to what extent the surge unwinds. Meanwhile there is the bigger question. In theory — and if individuals and companies behaved rationally — real interest rates around 7 per cent ought to be enough to send everyone scurrying into cash. But they are not. Either people are expecting rates to fall very soon, or they are not behaving rationally. If the figures change anything, it might just be that expectation of a fall in rates.

There is a Catch 22 here. We need high interest rates to check loan demand. Once they do their job rates can fall, and at this level that ought to happen. But while people expect them to fall, borrowers continue borrowing. This makes it impossible for rates to fall.

What you therefore have to do is to trick people into expecting interest rates to stay high... in which case they can then safely fall.

To this end, maybe the combined might of the CBI, the Building Societies Association, the Governor of the Bank of England, and of course Mrs T, should be deployed to convince borrowers that high interest rates were a wonderful thing and were here to stay till the 1990s.

They could cite those money supply figures as support of their cause.

Breaking up

VICKERS is clearly in the same situation as Mercedes cars in the US. It is worth more in bits than it is together.

When the puckish former head of ITT, Harold Geneen, was in London a couple of weeks ago, he was pondering a curious phenomenon. There is, apparently a modest industry in the US in importing Mercedes cars for spare parts. The cars, so carefully assembled in Germany, are imported into the US and then taken to bits.

The reason: it is much cheaper to buy spare parts that way, than it is to get them through official channels, with the mark-ups that the company feels appropriate to charge.

Now you can say that this is simply a function of the price that is charged for spare parts. But you could equally say that the assembly process in this instance has negative value. It is a bit like an investment trust selling below asset value: the whole is worth less than the parts.

Geneen's point, of course, was that this applied to many US corporations: the central management, sitting in their plush corporate offices, actually reduced the value of the enterprise. This was the justification for the present takeover boom in the US.

Now it looks very much as though this same logic is about to be applied by Mr Steinberg to Vickers. In a sense any possible float of Rolls-Royce Motors would underline this: if you can increase the value of the whole by selling off bits, there is a glorious opportunity for someone to come along, make a bid and do the breakup for you.

In fact Vickers had denied press reports that it might sell off Rolls-Royce, stating that this is a core business. But that attitude leaves it more vulnerable to a takeover.

It is not difficult to see a number of British engineering companies where the same logic might be applied, and it was interesting that following the declaration of Mr Steinberg's interest in Vickers the shares of other engineering groups, like TI, started to move upwards. They too, like those Mercedes in the US, might be worth more in bits than they are in the whole.

If this line of argument is right, we may see quite substantial further takeover activity here in the next few months. You could say that we are importing the US takeover boom, though since our takeover rules are different here, the most disagreeable aspects of that boom should not come across the Atlantic.

Meanwhile, British conglomerates capitalised by the market at below a reasonable assessment of their break-up value should be starting to look to their defences.

Noteworthy

THE market is having difficulty in assessing the new perpetual floating rate notes issued by the clearing banks. Midland, despite having a worse equity rating than Lloyds, actually managed to sell its note issue in better terms than its rival. The spread was the same, but Midland got away with lower fees.

The best explanation is that essentially these notes are money market instruments, rather than equity investments. Midland has the same price rating in the money markets as Lloyds, or indeed any of the other clearing banks. It was charged with lower fees because it was not pioneering the instrument: inventors get a premium for their ingenuity.

But of course, in extremis, the notes are to be treated as equity. Clearly the market takes the view that this situation is such a theoretical prospect that it need not take it into account. In other words, it does not view these notes as equity.

Banned underwriter begins court fight for Lloyd's job

Posgate defends presents from Howden chief

By Mary Brasier

Lloyd's most controversial and well-known underwriter, Mr Ian Posgate, began a public fight yesterday to keep his job against a decision by the insurance market to expel him for life for misconduct.

Mr Posgate, dubbed "Goldfinger," and described at the start of an appeal hearing before Lord Wilberforce as the most dynamic underwriter in the history of Lloyd's, is challenging the verdict of a Lloyd's disciplinary committee that he improperly received a Pissarro painting and shares in a Swiss bank.

The committee, whose findings were revealed for the first time yesterday, acquitted Mr Posgate on six more serious counts, including those of siphoning off funds from the Alexander Howden broking group, using the funds to set up a reinsurance company, SIR, and "seriously" falsifying group accounts.

The life ban on Mr Posgate, once a member of Lloyd's ruling committee, was delivered because the disciplinary committee held that he had accepted gifts of the painting and a 10 per cent stake in the Banque du Rhone from Howden chairman, Mr Ken Grob, knowing they were intended to influence his future underwriting so that he would place reinsurance contracts in favour of the Alexander Howden group. The reinsurance premiums, according to Lloyd's, were channelled into SIR, which was secretly owned by four Howden directors, and which was "plundered in order that personal benefits might be obtained."

Mr Posgate, in evidence to the committee, told them he regarded the Pissarro painting simply as a "very, very generous present from a man who has been very kind to me." The painting, bought in New York by Mr Grob's art dealer son in May 1978, was, he said, "very nice but not that good and not that expensive. You see much nicer ones."

He said he understood the present of shares in the Banque du Rhone, which Lloyd's alleged was secretly bought by other Howden directors using misappropriated funds, was intended as a "golden ball and chain" to link him and make him stay with the Howden group. One of the charges upheld against Mr Posgate was that he failed to correct a statement made by Mr Grob at a Howden meeting in August 1980 that no members of the board had an interest in the Banque du Rhone.

Counsel for Mr Posgate, Mr Robert Alexander QC, said yesterday that the underwriter had felt uneasy about the assertion but in other ways admired Mr Grob and did not think he would mislead shareholders. Mr Postgate's evidence also described Mr Grob as a bully who had always made it clear that he only did things which were absolutely correct.

The appeal is an important landmark in Lloyd's attempts to rid itself of the wave of scandal which first broke out three years ago, and at the underwriter's request is the first to be held in public.

Mr Alexander opened proceedings yesterday by saying that Mr Posgate, a man at the height of his powers whose livelihood was threatened, wanted a public hearing "so that all might know the limits of the charges surviving against him."

'Dowdy' M & S gets smarter

By Tony May

MARKS & Spencer did less well in its centenary year than the City expected, raising its pre-tax profits by "only" 8.6 per cent to a record £303.4 million. M&S is responding fast to criticism of its dowdy image and is embarking on the biggest two-year expansion programme in the group's history.

Smart-looking high street rivals have been making great progress in selling clothes for women and children but these were weak spots at M&S last year, although it claims to have maintained market share in all areas and to have increased it in some cases. The miners' strike cost the group £6 million in profits.

Sales of menswear, lingerie, homeware, footwear and food all "made good progress" but the new-broom chairman, Lord Rayner, promises action to improve the appeal of its women's outerwear and to inject more fashion into its children's clothing. He foresees a "Significant expansion throughout all age groups." More casual wear is promised.

A new look is planned for the group based on pilot schemes which have taken two forms. One featured screened-off shops-within-shops for items like lingerie and clothing, while other shops tried out improved display techniques which did not take up quite so much space.

This more open style will be adopted but there will not be changing rooms unless your store serves distant rural communities like the Highlands or Cornwall.

By using up space currently taken by storage, something like 400,000 square feet of shop space will be released, while 700,000 square feet will be added in total as new stores and out-of-town ventures with Tesco come through. Some ventures, like the separate children's shop Young Sparks in York, will be repeated where appropriate.



New look: York's Young Sparks

All this will be expensive — costing £480 million over two years. This is much more than the group will make, but part of the new view of the business taken by Lord Rayner is that moving from no gearing today to say 20 per cent gearing is no disaster.

The group is also having to fund its new credit card which could swallow between £500 million and £1,000 million — although the profits can be a big proportion.

This will take time to work through and City estimates of M & S's profits have been trimmed from upwards of £360 million to about £350 million for this year.

Midland issue provides Montagu buyout chance

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

Midland Bank may offer to buy out the whole of the 40 per cent minority stake in Samuel Montagu from its partner Aetna Life instead of buying control of only a part of it. This would ge a direct result of the successful issue yesterday of $500 million of a new type of capital, following a pattern set last week by Lloyds and Standard Chartered.

Until now Midland has been discussing a deal under which it would take full control of Samuel Montagu's merchant banking and securities business. In return the minority shareholder, Aetna Life, would received 100 per cent of Montagu's successful investment management business.

However, this exchange is not ideal from Midland's point of view because fund management is an important part of the structure of most of the new securities firms emerging in London. The main pressure on Midland has been its shortage of capital which made a swap cheaper and easier.

Since Lloyds pioneered the new type of capital raising last week the picture has changed and Midland could now afford to make an offer for the whole 40 per cent minority stake. The deal could also come much earlier than the August date mooted over the weekend.

The $500 million issue of perpetual floating rates notes counts as primary capital, which means that it has some of the characteristics of shares, being available to meet losses when all other sources of funds have been used. Since last Wednesday, $1.65 billion of the new types of note have been issued, and more banks are likely to follow.

The Midland issue offered the same profit margin to investors as Lloyds — but front end fees are only about a third as high as the amount Lloyds paid last week. This reduction in commissions reflects the way investors have lapped up the new bonds, ignoring some fierce criticisms that they carry all the risks of shares while giving exactly the same return as theoretically much less risky bonds. This argument was rejected yesterday as fallacious by Samuel Montagu, which made the issue for Midland.

The market was beginning to tire of the spate of new issues by the evening because an expected increase in Midland's $500 million issue, because of market demand, failed to materialise. An increase to $600 million this morning is still not ruled out. As it stands the issue raised Midland's capital backing from £4.40 for every £100 lent to £5.

Bank denies notes climbdown

By our City Staff

The Bank of England governor Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton and one of his senior executives Mr Peter Cooke both said yesterday that they regarded the conditions imposed on the new spate of clearing bank note issues as rigorous, and they denied that there had been any climb down by the authorities.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said that the issues by Lloyds, Standard Chartered and Midland met the Bank's conditions; set out in a paper last autumn which was described at the time as too rigorous.

Mr Cooke, the Bank's chief policeman—he is responsible for supervising the banking system—denied City suggestions that the Bank of England had weakened its earlier proposals, which hinged on a condition that the issues have some of the characteristics of share capital, before they can be allowed to count as primary capital.

Mr Cooke said that the $1.65 billion of issues announced since last Wednesday "did not represent any diminution in practice in the standards the Bank originally set out to achieve."

The new issues were "sufficiently close to equity in terms of the protection afforded to depositors to rank pari passu with equity for capital adequacy measurement purposes."

Both Mr Cooke and the governor dwelled at length on the problems of supervising banks as the markets move rapidly from pure lending to issuing securities, either directly or in disguised form through the trading and underwriting of loans.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said he was worried about "securitisation" of lending, which makes loans by banks into marketable instruments. "Perhaps only the best loans can be sold and if so does the average quality of a bank's book become diluted. Again the fuzzy boundary between banking and other financial activity becomes even more blurred," he said.

He also referred to the extremely complex nature of some new business such as options, futures and forward rate agreements while Mr Cooke expressed worries about the computer programmes on which much of this work relies. He said "I hope that senior management really is on top of the use made of these sophisticated techniques."

Mercury's tunnel-tech

By our Technology Correspondent

Mercury Communications, the only company so far allowed to compete with British Telecom in providing basic telecommunications, should have its City of London network of fibre-optic cables in operation by the start of 1986.

The 30 kilometres of cable — supplied by GEC in a £1 million initial contract — will be installed in the under-street caverns created in Victorian times by the London Hydraulic Company.

Two months ago Mercury completed its purchase of the 114-year-old Hydraulic Company for £3.5 million. That gives it about 150 usable miles of tunnels which, up to 1977, pushed water around London. The work done by this hydraulic power included opening Tower Bridge and revolving the stage of the London Palladium.

Chinese attacked over Eurobond plan

By our City Editor

The Council of Foreign Bondholders reacted strongly yesterday to Chinese plans to tap the Eurobond markets for money at a time when a substantial number of pre-Communist Chinese bonds are in default. China owes £220 million in principal and interest on sterling bonds alone.

The Council, which represents holders of defaulted bonds, said "We aren't happy about it. A borrower in default on his existing obligations should not go back to the market." Prospective investors ought to have their eyes open in the knowledge that "here is a country that has not paid back its existing bonded debts."

The Bank of China is planning an issue of Eurobonds in German marks, through a sydicate led by Germany's biggest commercial bank, Deutschebank.

But China has failed to pay up on £61 million of outstanding sterling bonds on which £159 million of interest should have accrued

This has not stopped intense interest in the new issue by potential underwriters and investors, because with foreign exchange reserves above $20 billion China is now among the most creditworthy of developing countries. It has already been borrowing yen in the Japanese market, but because of dollar and sterling defaults it is likely to be excluded from the British and US capital markets.

The Bank of England is thought certain to veto any move by China to borrow in sterling while in the US there have been legal actions over defaulted China bonds and so dollar issues seem equally unlikely.

Council director Mr Michael Gough said: "If they attempt to issue a new sterling loan in London there would be such resistance that they couldn't do it. I would be surprised if the authorities gave the necessary permission."

The Council's latest report says that all but £3 million of the £64 million of sterling bonds still in default are Chinese.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big loan for Iraq

MIDLAND BANK is to lead a syndicate of international banks lending £300 million to Iraq in support of British exports to the war-torn country. US and Arab banks also form part of the syndicate which is lending Iraq the funds as part of a UK-Iraqi protocol signed last year.

STANDARD CHARTERED chairman Lord Barber received an 18 per cent pay rise to £98,000, but the highest paid director received an increase of 25 per cent to £118,590, according to the annual report published yesterday.

THE BUOYANCY of the dollar has dealt an additional blow to struggling Lyle Shipping, which yesterday revealed a near doubled loss of £16.8 million for 1984, and passed the dividend. Exchange losses have more than trebled at £12.35 million, but should diminish in the first half of the current year. Lyle says there is little cause to be optimistic about 1985 although the company's financial position is now more secure.

MASSEY-Ferguson Holdings, the UK arm of the Canadian farm machinery and diesel engines combine, yesterday reported a huge leap in 1984 earnings. Pre-tax profits rose from £984,000 to £16.3 million on sales up from £534 million to £624 million. The group said that overcapacity remains, but further cost cutting programmes should result in more improvement from the manufacturing operations in the UK.

AMERICAN investment bankers, Goldman Sachs, have been called in by Westland, the UK helicopter manufacturer, to advise on the firm's plans, including the response to the £89 million takeover bid from Bristow Rotorcraft.

Experts gloomy on the US economy

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The Commerce Secretary and a top Federal Reserve official have acknowledged that growth in the American economy will fall short of White House targets this year raising the spectre of even higher budget deficits and a rise in unemployment.

In his first public acknowledgement that the Reagan recovery is lagging, the Commerce Secretary Mr Malcolm Baldrige says that it will be "very difficult" to make the 4 per cent growth this year. His remarks were echoed by the vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Mr Preston Martin who said in Tokyo that the economy would grow at a modest 2.5 per cent clip in the current quarter of the year which may require the US central bank to ease credit conditions.

Despite a string of disappointing economic figures the Administration has been maintaining the pretence that the President's vision of non-inflationary growth remains intact. But with Mr Baldrige and the Federal Reserve now breaking ranks there is increasing recognition in government circles that the pace of the recovery is no longer sustainable.

Dr Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist at Chase Econometrics the respected private forecasting group, said yesterday that his firm was projecting growth of between 2.4 per cent and three per cent this year. "It will probably be perilously close to the lower end of the range," said Dr Chimerine. He said that as a result the "deficit outcome is now horrendous" and it was likely there would be some increase in the jobless rate before the end of the year.

Dr Chimerine argues that an easing of monetary policy together with the continued help from oil prices will keep the economy ticking along without recession.

Mr Baldrige said he expected growth this year to be between 3.5 per cent and 4 per cent, a still more optimistic projection than most private sector economists. But it was still too early for the Administration to change the central forecast on which its budget plans have been based.

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BT's Canadian buy

By Peter Large, Technology Correspondent

British Telecom is to spend about £12 million to take over CTG, of Toronto, which claims to be Canada's leader in the phone interconnection business.

BT yesterday explained the deal — yet to be finalised — in terms of exports of BT equipment and services. Mr Dudley Fielding, operations director of BT Enterprises, said: "This acquisition is a further move into overseas telecommunications apparatus supply ... BT will benefit from CTG's experience in the recently liberalised Canadian interconnect market."

CTG, only four years old but with a turnover running at about £27 million a year, does not make anything. It supplies companies with packages of equipment from various sources to run their internal communications and link those services with the national phone network.

Mr Edward Levin, CTG's chairman and chief executive, said that having reached the stage where the company needed behind it the stability of a big corporation, he was "honoured" by BT's interest.

He mentioned a number of BT products which CTG hoped would succeed in Canada — particularly the City Business System. This system, developed by BT researchers initially for international money dealers, has made about £20 million in exports in its first three years.

Barkers' £45m change

By Geoffrey Gibbs

House of Fraser, the Harods department stores group, is redeveloping its Barkers of Kensington store at a cost of £45 million.

The imaginative retail and office redevelopment is the second major property investment announced by the group since the business was taken over by the Egyptian Al Fayed brothers less than two months ago

The Fraser directors recently unveiled plans to develop the group's famous Harrods depository site at Barnes and build a new £17 million distribution centre for Harrods at Osterley, West London.

Final planning approval to develop the 2¼ acre Barkers site was given by the GLC's historic buildings committee at the end of last week and work on the project is to start almost immediately.

The project involves the creation of a smaller—150,000 sq ft—House of Frasers store, together with 178,000 sq ft of offices and a 10-unit "shopping mall" at ground floor and mezzanine level.

Foreign car makers take bigger UK slice

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

Foreign manufacturers are taking a bigger slice of the strong UK market in new cars.

According to the latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, importers' share of the British market soared to almost 60 per cent in April from 53½ per cent in March.

The surge in April also helped overseas car makers strengthen their grip on the UK market during the first four months of the year.

Importers' share of the British market grew to 58.3 per cent in the opening third of 1985, up from slightly more than 56 per cent in the same four months of 1984.

However the foreign manufacturers are performing proportionately better in a total car market running at the same level as 1984's best ever sales.

Total sales in April were 155,000, less than 2 per cent below the April 1984 figure. But sales in the first four months of the year have reached 658,000, only 0.3 per cent down on the same four months of 1984.

The Ford Escort remains the most popular car in 1985, with sales slightly under 54,000 being nearly 4,000 higher than Vauxhall's Cavalier. Austin's Metro is the third best seller at close on 45,000.

However Austin Rover's Montego has moved ahead of Ford's Sierra

BL is expected to announce today that it will return to the US market in 1987 with the launch of the Project XX car being developed in partnership with Honda of Japan.

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Trapped in their own paradigm? Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl at the Bonn summit

Market forces that are unfit for purpose



ALTERNATIVES NOTEBOOK

Harford Thomas

BEFORE the Bonn economic summit disappears down the memory hole it deserves a little more attention for *what it did not do*. What it did do was to parade the self-destruct mechanisms of nation-state economics in the 1980s.

This must have gone down quite well in Moscow, providing the Marxist seers with further evidence to support the view that capitalism will collapse under the weight of its own internal contradictions.

For some of the rest of us the Bonn summit was a further demonstration of unfitness for purpose. Fitness for purpose is a term borrowed from the design professions. It is a good test in politics too. What action do we take, for what purpose?

That is a question which *opens up a long list of priorities*, options, alternatives. How rigorous was the questioning in Bonn? This being *one of those* conclaves of democratic heads of state from which the citizenry are excluded, we do not know. We can only list some of the questions that ought to have been asked, such as:

1. Can we really go on relying on market forces and economic growth to get us back on track?

2. We talk about economic growth, but what exactly are we talking about? Growth of what, where, for whose benefit?

3. Is trade the answer to the problems of the Third World? Who does it help? Us or them?

4. Does it help the Third World food crisis to buy food they produce and export *our food surpluses* to them?

5. Would it help the world economy as a whole for us *to invest in the social development* of the poor countries by supporting health and education programmes so *that they can then meet* their own basic needs from their own resources?

6. What about unemployment? Has anybody got any new ideas on that? There is any amount of work that needs to be done, isn't there?

7. If we go all out for economic growth, will it be sustainable? What will be the demand for energy and materials? What effect will it have on the environment?

8. If you look at the GNP *figures in our countries*, you could say we've never had it so good, couldn't you? But our own poor people and the poor countries are *falling* further behind the rich — how much longer can we get away with that?

Enough questions, though one could go on adding to the list. Together they define the areas that government would rather not know about. They serve to highlight what may come to be seen as the failure of the late twentieth century economy and its political institutions.

Because economic growth transformed the world at an unprecedented pace in the 1950s, and 1960s and early 1970s, it has come to be assumed that market forces alone can and will work miracles, and that this is the *natural order of things*. It is not. Market forces are now falling into disarray and destabilisation, with possible *cataclysmic consequences*.

Famine and the advance of deserts; wars and terrorism; financial chaos and social *conflict*; *pollution of the atmosphere* and disturbance of the climate; degredation of the environment and the disappearance of species — you do not have to be a doomsayer to add to the list.

The weight of the evidence is too substantial to be ignored. That is why there has been such an uprush of interest in a multitude of conservation and development organisations of many kinds, some concerned with ecology and the environment, some *with social experiment*, some with overseas aid, to name only three main categories. None of them accepts that *there are no alternatives*.

Why, then, should politicians and their civil servants, and leaders of business and the professions, be so resistant to change, as most of them are? Short answer: they are trapped in their own paradigm.

What's that again? Paradigm is an OK word rather too frequently used by Greens to mean "a conceptual framework within which theories are constructed," as the dictionary puts it. So conventional thinking can be said to be trapped in its own system of unquestioned ideas and values.

To take a few simple examples. If a product or service is profitable it must be OK, if it is unprofitable it is suspect and ready for the chop (try applying this test to television, or to intensive v. *organic agriculture*).

Or consider this proposition. Work is something you are paid to do by someone else outside the home; it is good. Unpaid work done in the home, or for a neighbour, or for a charity does not count because it is not recorded. Work done in this "informal" economy, if it is paid for, is bad — it is cheating the tax collector.

Or this: cutting the health service budget reduces government expenditure (therefore good) but it may add to the sum total of illness or disability (too bad, but that doesn't show up in the accounts until later).

And one more: rate-capping reduces the care and maintenance budget for *council housing*, *this* lowers the living standards of the occupants, and the capital value of the housing stock (*not to worry, none of that* is recorded, if they get beyond repair you can flog them off to a private developer, *and that will show up* as a plus in the accounts — good).

This is to open up the tip of a very large and important subject, the urgent need for new economic indicators which will show a cost/benefit balance of loss and gain not only in money but also in terms of human needs and human values.

To break out of the trap of the growth economics paradigm has been one of the objects of The Other Economic Summit, the unofficial and fairly subversive gathering of Green-inclined alternatives campaigners. A summary of the conclusions of a three-day TOES conference in London last month was sent to the Bonn summit (with what result we are unlikely to learn).

With it went a message to say that its 1985 conference was attended by 450 people from some 20 countries. For the conference, 25 papers were written by specialist writers from a dozen different countries, now described as pioneers of the New Economics.

All this this is evidence of new ideas on the move, and across a wide horizon. But will it break the prevailing paradigm? One of the TOES paper writers, Robert Chambers, from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, thought it might.

From his experience as a rural development *consultant* in Africa and India, he drew a distinction between the thinking of the professionals from the top down, and the poorest who viewed things quite differently from the bottom up.

He found the professionals had to make a mental "flip," to learn to think from below *instead of from above*. "*Instead* of working with and for the high-status rich, they have to work with and for the low-status poor. Instead of standing and lecturing, they have to sit down listen and learn.

This applies in a different context in advanced countries which find themselves locked into the conventional assumptions of consumer materialism. In a rapidly changing society we shall have to do a mental and psychological "flip" to adjust to a world in which technology and also ideas and values are changing at a great pace.

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US is not ready for poorhouse

ECONOMICS AGENDA

Andrew Glyn

RECENTLY there has been a great deal of press comment about the United States becoming a net debtor. According to the official statistics the enormous US current account deficit of the *last year or two* have wiped out its creditor status. Between the end of 1982 and early 1985 the net international investment position of the US (assets abroad less US assets held by foreigners) deteriorated from about $150 *billion* to zero.

Within a year the US is apparently heading for the status of the world's biggest debtor, leading to dire predictions for the future of the dollar and even the US's position as a world power.

Whilst there can be no dispute whatsoever that the US deficits have been dramatically reducing its net international investment position, the official figures give a quite misleading impression of the current situation. The reason for this (as for so many other statistical confusions) lies in a failure to properly allow for inflation.

The total of international assets (or liabilities) is a hodgepodge of shares, government bonds, bank deposits and the overseas assets of companies. Shares, bonds and bank deposits have a market value, which is more or less readily determined and shown in the accounts. The stock of direct investment, however, is the cumulated *book* value of investments made in the past.

As with any book value calculation, it understates the replacement value of the assets if there has been inflation since they were bought. And the older the investment the greater the understatement. US direct investment abroad is both *much greater in book value* terms (around $226 billion in October 1984) than direct investment in the US (about $149 *billion*).

It is also much older: about one half of the direct investment into the US took *place over the past five* years whilst only one fifth of the stock of US direct investment abroad was added in *those years*.

So the calculation of direct investment using book values seriously underestimates the *true net position of the US*. Data which would allow calculation of the replacement value of stocks of direct investment are not available. But the earnings from direct investment can be capitalised to give a rough market valuation, on a par with that of shares or bonds.

The results are rather dramatic. In the first three quarters for 1984 US earnings on direct investment abroad (including fees and royalties but disregarding capital losses due to the effect of the fall in the dollar on overseas assets) were about $28 billion. The corresponding underlying profits on overseas investment in the US were about $7.5 billion. So whereas the book value of US direct investment abroad was only half as much again as direct investment into the US, its earnings were four times as much.

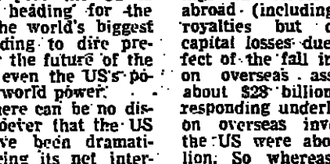
If the net figure for the earnings on direct investment is capitalised at the average price-earnings ratio for industrial shares, the result is a net capital value of about $350 *billion* (against a net book value of about $75 billion).

Our conclusion is that the US is not a net international debtor, and will not be for another couple of years even if current account deficits turned out as forecast. Any intervening further fall in the dollar will further stave off debtor status as earnings on some part of the overseas investment will be increased in dollar value.

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Extracts from the Statement by the Governor, Sir Thomas N. Risk

The Year's Results

I am pleased to report that in a year of marked progress in our traditional activities, coupled with continued product innovation in new areas, the Group Operating Profit reached a record of £82.3 million. This is £21.0 million (34%) higher than that of the previous year.

These are good results reflecting excellent teamwork and the success of policies over the last two or three years aimed at extending the range of services and volume of business.

New Developments

When the rate of change within the financial services industry is so remarkable, the listing of new business developments introduced in the last year by this Bank may seem superfluous but, as in previous years, these have included innovations of such significance that they demand specific mention. The launch throughout the U.K. of our system of Home and Office Banking has roused widespread interest and a strong response from personal and small business customers, demonstrating the potential demand for such interactive services via the user's television screen. A new satellite-linked, computer-based international remittance system which we have developed in association with Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., enables organisations having to remit funds on a regular basis to personal beneficiaries in the U.S.A., to do so much more quickly and cheaply than before. In February the national launch was announced of the Marks & Spencer Chargecard which will be operated on the basis of systems developed for Marks and Spencer p.l.c. by North West Securities Limited, who will manage the administration of the Chargecard for a period of up to three years.

Our presence in the English market has been extended further with the opening of our sixth Regional Office in Leeds and the conversion of our Carlisle representation to that of a full Branch. Our activities outside the U.K. have been widened by the opening in February of our Branch in Jersey; this has already attracted a gratifying volume of new business from all over the world.

Objectives

I spoke last year about the Bank's determination to compete and to use modern technology to provide our increasing number of customers with the best possible range of services. In setting these objectives for ourselves we never lose sight of the need to provide a personal service. Technology continues to be used to extend and speed up the routine functions and so free our staff for those activities where personal attention, friendly service and banking expertise can be most valuable. It was to underline this objective that the successful "A Friend for Life" advertising campaign was launched last year. This slogan conveys a message to our customers, but serves also as a useful reminder to all of us in the Bank. Good service is vital to the health of our organisation and we are determined to provide it. At the same time we have an equally clear and important objective, which is to make this Group as profitable and its Balance Sheet as strong as any in the industry. These objectives are not inconsistent: indeed they are interdependent.

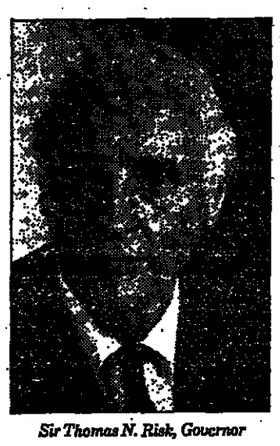
Employment Opportunities

Over the years we have been investing in and introducing new technology and systems with a view to keeping our costs down and ensuring that we are fully competitive. We make no apology for this and we find in our performance evidence that this policy has been right. The growing potential of the financial services industry for providing interesting and challenging careers in Scotland for youngsters should now be more fully recognised. It is not a coincidence, following a period of rapid innovation, that there has been a greater increase in the number of our full time employees in the past twelve months than we have seen for a number of years. If we can ensure, through constant striving for improved productivity, that our expansion is profitable and that in consequence we employ more people in more fulfilling tasks then nobody will be more pleased than I.

Balance Sheet

Total resources shown in the Group's consolidated Balance Sheet represent a growth of 17% over the previous year's figures.

Along with the Group's Preliminary Statement on 22nd April 1985, we announced plans for a rights issue. The purpose of the issue is to enhance the strength of our capital base to ensure that organic growth and investment in technology can be continued so that the Group can take full advantage of further opportunities as they arise.



Sir Thomas N. Risk, Governor

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS

Year ended	28th Feb. 1985 (£ millions)	29th Feb. 1984 (£ millions)
Group Operating Profit	82.3	61.3
Share of Associated Companies' Profits	1.4	0.5
	83.7	61.8
Payable to Staff under Profit-Sharing Schemes	3.3	2.5
Group Profit before Tax	80.4	59.3
Total Assets	7,217	6,143
Proprietors' Funds	402	322

SALIENT FEATURES from the Annual Report

- Group pre-tax profit increased by 36%.
- Total dividend up by 10.7%.
- Parent Bank's pre-tax profit nearly 50% higher at £59.1m.
- North West Securities' pre-tax profit up by £1.9m to £17.2m.
- British Linen Bank's pre-tax profit marginally lower at £4.1m.
- Another year of product innovation and growth in business.
- Proposed rights issue to raise £81m.

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Upmarket move by BHS pays off

By Robin Stoddart

British Home Stores has successfully ducked out of the old Woolworth mantle and its move upmarket in clothing and fresh food is backing up the continued strength in lighting equipment.

An acceleration in profit in the second half of the year to March 31 put the growth rate on a sustainable track, the directors believe. A rising market share is being claimed despite the ending of cut-price offers. Theft remains a serious problem.

Turnover of the 128-store chain, including four new openings in Canterbury, Cheltenham, Carlisle and Ayr, rose by 11.3 per cent to £550 million. Led by ladies and children's clothing and footwear, the main merchandise category expanded at an above-average rate, followed by restaurant takings and the price-sensitive food business.

Price increases averaged around 3½ per cent, so even in face of the revival by specialist retailers and department stores, a rise in market share of much the same order was achieved and, in particular, the old high street rival Marks & Spencer was made to look a little pedestrian.

Pre-tax profit rose to £61 million, from £55.2 million after trebled opening expenses of £3.5 million and a £600,000 reduction in net interest income to £2.1 million. Second-half growth of 14 per cent in the trading profit was more than double the first-half pace, though the pit strikes continued to take a toll.

Nearly half of sales are now clothing. Fashion sales were buoyant as the range was extended to cater for the rising net incomes of families outside the areas of mass unemployment.

The joint SavaCentre operation with Sainsbury continued to progress, helped by the sixth hypermarket opening near Edinburgh, though the £4.8 million profit contribution naturally represented a much smaller margin on sales than within BHS.

The chairman, Sir Maurice Hodgson, looks forward to sustained growth based on rising incomes and the improved competitive position. He expresses concern about the growth of store theft, which although a general problem on high streets has risen alarmingly and with a much greater incidence of violence.

Doubled rates in Scotland are also a burden. The directors are taking advantage of Sunday opening there on a selective basis.

Peak spending of £60 million will continue this year with openings on former Woolworth sites in Cardiff and Leicester and many more extensions. Country Table restaurants and coffee shop facilities are proving popular.

The final dividend is being raised to 5p net a share, from 4.25p, taking the total the same amount higher to 6.75p.



Sir Maurice Hodgson

Spotlight moves on to special situations

THE MARKETS

Stock markets had to survive a couple of nasty shocks when trading commenced after the long holiday weekend. At the outset, City operators were concerned to see sterling more than three cents down against the dollar as foreign exchange markets suffered another bout of oil price jitters. But after a few nervous moments, with money market rates firming ominously, the pound began what turned out to be a full recovery and the danger passed. There were few casualties — just scattered losses of 1/16 or ⅛ among the short-dated gilts.

International stocks, in fact, were quite happy to see the dollar higher initially, but they retreated again later in the session in the wake of the US currency. However, some time after the "all clear" had been sounded and the market appeared to be cruising home, a second attack came in the shape of a money supply indication that put M3 up between 2¾ per cent and 3 per cent in banking April — virtually double what the market had been expecting. Gilts were harder hit this time, sustaining losses to three-quarters among longer-dated maturities.

Equities held their ground pretty well, though. Prices were no worse than mixed at the the finish, with special situations providing a number of contrasting features. Thorn-EMI were a dull spot among the leaders after their recent upsurge on talk of an offer from America's RCA Victor. A press article highlighting the extremely difficu.) conditions in consumer electronicss lowered Thorn-EMI 13p to 44p. Vickers extended their recent advance by 21p to 296p as US financier, Saul Steinberg picked up 5.54 per cent through his Reliance Financial Services. Although the purchase was said to be for "investment purposes," further buying was not ruled out.

Stores were enlivened by results from British Home and Marks and Spencer. Shares of BHS rose 10p to 293p after higher-than-expected 10 per cent profits growth, but the 9 per cent increase in earnings at Marks and Spencers was not quite enough to sustain the share price — finally 2p off at 134p.

Elsewhere, rising rental values enabled properties to make progress. Hammerson "A" for example, rose 15p to 455p. Golds, under early siege from the strong dollar, closed mostly around a dollar down.

Henry Boot gained 5p to 320p following last Friday's good figures. Blue Circle at 521p also added 5p after brokers circular. Costain, ahead of results today firmed 2p to 376p, and Higgs and Hill improved by 4p at 340p on Trafalgar House bid hopes. BICC gave up 5p to 228p ahead of the AGM tomorrow.

Muirhead strengthened 6p to 192p awaiting bid news. Comment encouraged Hopkinsons, 5p ahead at 190p and Bridport Gundry went up 8p to 138p for the same reason. Profits up by 37 per cent saw Concentric rise 6p at 73p. The TI Group firmed 6p to 246p in sympathy with Vickers.

Recovery hopes helped Johnson Matthey add 4p to 90p. But losses at J. Dillam took 8p off the price leaving them at 83p. In furniture, Parker Knoll "A" gained 16p to 205p on speculative demand following recent comment, and press mention also helped Relyon 6p better at 102p. In motors, Appleyard improved by 5p at 59p ahead of the AGM tomorrow. Among leisure issues, Insight Group strengthened following press comment, 4p up at 116p.

In foods, Hazlewood foods jumped 40p to 1080p after a tip. Albert Fisher added 5p to 116p also after mention. Elsewhere, Polly Peck moved up 15p to 279p ahead of the results due soon.

In stores, revived speculative demand encouraged Owen Owen, up 20, at 220p, after last week's bout of profit-taking. Speculative interest also accounted for the rise in E. Upton, 6p better at 42p. The textile sector saw Steinberg 6p ahead at 70p thanks to comment, though Lee Cooper fell 7p to 121p on the release of disappointing profits.

In shipping, Euro Ferries firmed by 1½p to 144p ahead of results today, while comment put Manchester Ship 13p better at 323p. Teas shares rallied, with Eastern Produce up 10p at 323p. Insurances tended better ahead of the quarterly figures season, which begins tomorrow.

Main changes were: Vickers 296p up 21p; Hammerson "A" 455p up 15p; Thorn EMI 444p down 13p; TI Group 246p up 6p; British Home Stores 293p up 10p; Poly Peck 279p up 15p; Marks and Spencer 134p down 2p; Hazlewood Foods 1080p up 40p.

● Paris: Share prices edged marginally higher in thin trading in the absence of any market-moving news. Advances outnumbered declines by 96 to 59 and the market indicator ended the day 0.2 per cent above Monday's close.

● Frankfurt: Share prices closed mixed in moderately active trading as strong gains by banking stocks balanced poor performances in other sectors. Gains were widely scattered but enough issues rose to push the Commerzbank Index up to its second consecutive record. The index gained 5 points, finishing at 1,241.8.

● Tokyo: Prices slid in cautious trading. Selling was seen across the board. A weakening yen, lack of overseas investor interest, after-holiday sluggishness and jitters over trade frictions created gloominess, a broker said. Real estate, construction and housing issues were reportedly bolstered by talk of possible government demand-stimulating steps. Nikkei Down Jones Index: 12,506.30 (12,545.25).

● Hong Kong: Share prices were mixed in active trading, on selective profit-taking. The market rested from two previous days of strong gains, but some investors still sought to catch up on buying, brokers said. Hang Seng Index: 1,593.26 (1,596.43).

● Money markets: Period rates went initially firmer this morning as the pound slipped to below 1.18 against the dollar, but sterling's subsequent recovery helped sentiment. The poor money supply figures also pushed rates ahead a little, with the market unsatisfied with the Bank of England's explanation of the larger-than-expected rise in banking in April. Overnight rates stayed fairly high despite the day's shortage having been taken out with little difficulty. Bill rates rose a little after the figures, but are still standing at around intervention levels. The sterling CD market was quiet, rates rising ¼ or so immediately after the figures and then going only marginally easier again.

CHARTERHOUSE is launching another £5 million Business Expansion scheme fund following the investment of £5.6 million in its second such fund in the last fiscal year. Most stakes have been taken in service sector companies and start-up situations were balanced by participation in management buy-outs. A survey of investors in the previous funds showed that a high proportion — over a quarter —ofrespondents had direct holdings in companies under the BES arrangements, but still more — nearly half — said that they would be prepared to risk investment in the scheme even if income tax relief only applied on start-ups and young companies. While 70 per cent were benefitting from relief on a 70 per cent tax rate, as many as 8 per cent of investors only pay standard rate tax.

FT Ordinary Share Index down 4.1 at 985.8. FT-SE 100 Index, NA; Pound: $1.2180; DM 3.86; Fr 11.79. Gold: $NA. Account: April 29 to May 10. FT All Share Index down 1.58 at 629.36. Sterling Index 77.2 (1975=100). RPI 366.1 (March) up 6.1 per cent on year.

COMPANY BRIEFING

Dividend passed at Tyne Tees

Falling advertising revenue and spiralling costs have dealt a sharp blow to the fortunes of the independent television contractor Tyne Tees Holdings in recent months.

Half-time figures from the Newcastle-based company show profits slumped by almost 50 per cent during the six months to the end of March and the directors warn that current prospects are poor.

As if that were not enough for the company's shareholders to swallow they must also go without an interim dividend. Tyne Tees shares dropped 13p to 125p.

With turnover marginally lower at £24.78 million compared with £24.96 million a year ago pre-tax profits slumped from £2.01 million to £1.06 million during the half year.

Advertising revenue fell by 6 per cent compared with the 1.4 per cent fall suffered by the industry as a whole and the company was hard hit by a substantial rise in costs ranging from the Channel 4 levy to the cost of network programmes.

Tyne Tees directors are continuing to take steps to restructure the company's activities in order to achieve cost savings and believe that the long term outlook is encouraging even if advertising revenue does not reach levels previously forecast.

Modest Akroyd

Jobbers Akroyd & Smithers, in the process of merging with Mercury Securities, showed only a modest improvement in half year profits, but said it was very pleased because it had not been an easy period for jobbing. Pre-tax profits were £8.2 million compared with £7.8 million a year earlier and the tax charge failed to come down as forecast so net profit was marginally lower than a year earlier.

This was after an extraordinary item of £410,000 representing legal and other costs incurred in the merger with Mercury and brokers Rowe & Pitman and Mullens. The dividend is unchanged at 4p a share. Since the end of the half year trading has been "satisfactory" say the jobbers.

The half year included the British Telecom flotation which was profitable for the stock market but it also included some nasty periods for the gilts market, particularly when base rates shot up in January during the sterling crisis.

Ackroyd has not been hit by the activities of off market dealers such as Robert Fleming, which specialises in electrical shares, a field from which Akroyd is absent. In equities generally the market has been rising overall but there has been intense relative movement between sectors which has made life difficult for the jobbers.

INTASUN Leisure Group chairman Mr Harry Goodman (pictured) has raised around £1.8 million by selling 1.5 million shares in the package holidays and air charter firm. The shares were sold for personal and tax reasons and the £79,000-a-year Intasun boss says he has no intention of making further disposals in the foreseeable future.

Following the recent sale Mr Goodman holds just over 11.7 million shares in the company. At current stock market prices the 22.7 per cent shareholding is valued at £14 million.

The shares sold were placed with a number of institutional investors and with Ibero Travel, the privately owned Spanish company that handles Intasun's passengers in Spain. The Spanish company now holds a 10 per cent stake in the business.



Lacklustre Lee Cooper

A lacklustre performance by Lee Cooper in 1984, with profits edging up from £8.2 million to £8.9 million before tax, pushed the shares down from 128p to 121p yesterday.

Much of the increase in sales from £83.2 million to £94.6 million came from exchange rate translation, which was worth £6.6 million in the year. The slight profit growth was helped by a £200,000 drop in interest charges.

However, the year was one of change. The group is still heavily dependent on the sale of traditional Western-style jeans but the new ranges of cotton leisure wear are gaining ground. The board warns that the immediate future in many countries in which it operates is unlikely to be easy. It is pruning its commitment to manufacturing — the Helston factory is losing 95 workers — and is buying in more garments for branding.

The board has ideas about using its brand name on a wider range of goods and is conscious of the value of good marketing.

As part of its cost cuts, the old idea of selling jeans cut for different markets is going. This used to mean that jeans or trousers were made specially for the British "pear-shaped figure." Now all clothing will be the same, whether it is made here or in Tunisia.

So far the benefit of the new designs has only been reflected in the second half of 1984, but with a full year's contribution ahead, and the effects of the cost-cutting to come, the board is looking for "significant improvement" for the current year.

Concentric progress

Concentric, which makes fluid control valves and a wide range of specialist equipment, including some for robots, yesterday reported improved pre-tax profits for six months of £1 million, up from £740,000.

The West Midlands-based engineering firm says that the range of products its sells has never been greater.

All sections of the group made "significant progress" in the last six months and sales, up to £29.14 million from £26.68 million, seem to bear this out. The company has made a determined effort over the past three years to move into new areas of activity, and its attempts to internationalise, especially in the US, have been particularly encouraging.

Profits for the year are expected to be up for the fifth time in a row. The shares rose 4p to 71p.

Growing apace

Smith & Nephew, the UK medical products and toiletries group, maintained its pace of earnings growth yesterday when it announced an increase in first quarter pre-tax profit from £10.9 million to £13.6 million. The 25 per cent rise in earnings was achieved on an 18 per cent increase in sales turnover to £99.9 million.

Most of S&N's growth has been coming from expansion in the United States. The acquisition of Affiliated Hospital Products for $57.9 million was completed at the end of February, and the sales and earnings of the US medical products and distribution company are included for the last four weeks of the quarter.

The stock market has come to expect continued profits growth from S&N and the group's shares were unchanged at 232p.

Godwin rights

Godwin Warren, makers of parking meters and automatic barriers, are asking shareholders to put more money into the slot just two years after the company went public on the USM with a placing to raise £570,000.

Godwin Warren now needs £1.53 million to expand and is offering shareholders a rights issue on the basis of one for three at 134p. The placing price of the company's shares two years ago was 57p.

Part of the money being raised will pay for the acquisition of Thorn EMI Autopayment which makes "pay and display" machines for car parks. The Tonbridge based company is costing Godwin £221,598 plus £678,402 for the repayment of loans and made a £50,000 loss on £2.72 million of turnover last year. The loss apparently arose from a discontinued major product development and stock write-offs, and the rest of the business made a small profit.

Godwin chairman Mr David Simpson said that apart from the £900,000 outlay, the company had also been looking at ways of expanding since going public and would now increase its produc range and manufacturing facilities.

Edited by Tony May

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,340 per tonne, three months £1,228 per tonne.

Tin: Cash £9,630 per tonne, three months £9,550 per tonne.

Lead: Cash £314.50 per tonne, three months £310.50 per tonne.

Zinc: Cash £745 per tonne, three months £742 per tonne.

Silver: Spot 518p per troy oz; three months 523p.

Rubber: Spot 69.25p per kilo; June £715 per tonne; July £725 per tonne.

Coffee: May £2,140 per tonne; July £2,200 per tonne; Sept £2,252 per tonne; Nov £2,270 per tonne, Jan £2,290 per tonne. Mar £2,276 per tonne.

Cocoa: May £1,812 per tonne; July £1,846 per tonne; Sept £1,840 per tonne; Dec £1,756 per tonne; Mar £1,794 per tonne; May £1,305 per tonne.

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TOURIST RATES—BANK SELLS

Austria	26.60	Greece	160
Belgium	75.60	Ireland	1.00
Canada	1.63	Italy	2,375
Denmark	13.79	Malta	0.56
France	11.50	Netherlands	4.27
Germany	3.76	Norway	10.89
Portugal	206		
Spain	207		
Sweden	10.93		
Switzerland	3.17		
USA	1.20		
Yugoslavia	299		

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (one month)
Australia	1.7975–1.8020	1.8360–1.8390	
Austria	27.07–27.17	27.25–27.35	16 to 14.25 grn. prem.
Belgium	77.49–77.65	77.96–78.15	28c to 22c prem.
Canada	1.6789–1.6841	1.6631–1.6690	0.51c to 0.41c prem.
Denmark	13.85–13.89	13.84–13.90	4.625 to 3.75 ore prem.
France	11.73–11.79	11.78–11.95	3c to 2.50c prem.
Germany	3.85–3.86	3.87–3.88	2.50 to 2.25 pfg. prem.
Greece	166.50–169.88	167.91–171.81	
Hong Kong	—	9.44–9.46	
Ireland	1.2265–1.2275	1.2375–1.2395	
Italy	2,449–2,461	2,455–2,471	9 lire prem. to par
Japan	303–309	305–306	
Netherlands	4.35–4.37	4.37–4.39	2.25c to 2c prem.
Norway	11.03–11.07	11.07–11.11	0.125 to 0.875 ore disc.
Portugal	220.17–224.20	213.29–217.26	115 to 480 esc. disc.
Spain	216.17–216.89	216.95–217.35	
Sweden	11.07–11.11	11.12–11.16	0.875 to 1.50 ore disc.
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UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 7–7.125
Bank base rate: 12.5–12.75
Bank overdraft: 15.75–18
Building society mortgage: 13
Building society: 7.7 net
Finance house rate: 13.5

UK MONEY MARKETS %

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bills		12 5/16	12	
Eligible bills		12 5/16	12 1/16	11 3/4
Interbank rate	12 1/4	12 3/16	12 1/16	
Discount market	12 1/4	12 1/16	12	12 1/16

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS %

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8 1/4	8 7/16	8 1/2
Euro DM	5 7/16	5 1/2	5 9/16
Euro Fr fr	10 1/2	10 7/16	10 3/8
Euro Sw fr	4 1/16	5 1/4	5 1/2

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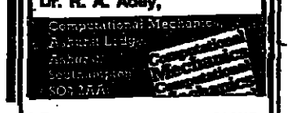
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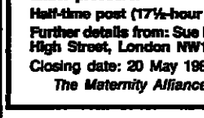
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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

GENERAL

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If the job interests you, please obtain further particulars and an application form from the Personnel Manager, Thurrock Borough Council, Whitehall Lane, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL. Tel.: Grays Thurrock 5122 Ext. 2078.

HARROW HEALTH AUTHORITY

Northwick Park Hospital and Clinical Research Centre,

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For informal inquiries contact Miss B. Simmons, District Sterile Services Manager on Ext. 2382.

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Application forms from Director of Social Services, Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow, TW3 4DN. Tel. 01-570 7728, ext. 3708. Closing date: May 24, 1985.

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Applicants need not be qualified, but must have a commitment to the residential care of offenders. Sleep-in duties (allowance paid) will be necessary. There is no live-in accommodation.

For informal discussion, or application form, contact: Linda Richardson, Warden, St Christopher House, 220/222 Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6QX. 091-273 2581.

Application forms should be returned by May 24, 1985.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, LONDON EC1A 7BE

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

to service the District Ethical Committee and Joint Research Board. The appointment is tenable for a period of one year in the first instance, from July 1, 1985, and would suit a graduate. The post is based in the District Medical Staff Office and there will be an opportunity for the person appointed to participate in the other work of the Department.

Salary: £7,009 – £8,821 p.a. Inclusive

For job description and application form contact the Personnel Department on 01-600 9000, ext. 5188, quoting ref. AB/54. Closing date May 22, 1985.

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(Ref. V.B.)

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SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY CENTRE MANAGER (CARE)

£10,725 to £11,355 (SO1)

A vacancy has arisen for a Deputy Manager at Aylesbury Day Centre, a large centre for physically handicapped people based in Walworth SE14. The Centre receives strong support from the ILEA, the Health Service and the non-statutory sector and is firmly committed to furthering the independence of people with disabilities who live in the Borough of Southwark.

The position advertised is one of two deputy posts at the Centre and covers with the Manager the development and supervision of training programmes and other activities with clients in social, physical, educational and life skills. The second deputy position, which is filled, covers the coordination of a micro-computer workshop. There will be a share in the general administrative duties of the Centre.

Candidates should ideally offer an appropriate qualification and/or a minimum of five years' experience working with this client group and show evidence of administrative and diplomatic abilities.

For further information please contact Maurice Horner, Manager, Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham, Boyson Road, London SE17. Tel 01-701 8686

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2670 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form or write on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DU. Please quote reference G/13/8412 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms May 29, 1985.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Islington Social Services

RACE RELATIONS ADVISER

(Ref. SS.407)

SCALE PO1 (£11,964–£12,816 p.a. inc)

Resulting from the promotion of Mike Prescod, we need a successor to lead an established unit within the Department. The policies are more or less laid down — what we need is implementation !

We are looking for someone:

—With CQSW or CSS qualification, or two years of work with Social Services with ethnic minorities.
—With at least two years' experience of working with inner city ethnic minority groups, either in the statutory or voluntary section.
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—With a high level of written and verbal communication skills.
—With the ability to plan anti racism programmes.
—With clarity of thought and ability to work under stress.

Policy papers are available from Colin Groves on request. (Telephone 01-226 1234, Ext. 4077/4104).

For application forms for Social Services vacancies telephone our 24 hour answering service on 01-607 2041, quoting the appropriate reference number, or call at 5/6 Highbury Crescent, N5. Closing date: 24th May 1985.

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SOCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Cramlington Development Group
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Successful candidate will be based at County Hall, Morpeth and will be responsible for the provision of social planning and development services at Cramlington including forward planning, the identification of existing and future community needs, advice to new voluntary organisations and the provision of an information service. Candidates need to have a practical approach to development against a background of financial constraints.

Application forms, returnable by 27th May, 1985, and further details from the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF. Tel.: Morpeth 514343, Ext. 3528.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS

MENCAP

MENCAP HOMES FOUNDATION

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Further details and application form (please enclose a 9" x 4" s.a.e.) from: Director of Homes Foundation, MENCAP National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RT. Closing date for application forms: 30 May, 1985.

THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

CIIR

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CIIR is seeking to appoint a new General Secretary, to take over responsibility from January 1986 for the overall policy and direction of the organisation.

CIIR is an independent organisation, which provides voluntary technical assistance overseas and a specialised education programme at home and abroad on issues of international poverty, social justice and Third World development.

Applicants must be members of the Roman Catholic church.

Salary: in the region of £12,000.

Closing date for application: 21st June 1985. Interviews will be held 15th to 30th July 1985.

For full details and an application form, please write to **Sue Chapman, Chairwoman of the Executive Committee, CIIR, 22 Coleman Fields, London N1 7AF.**

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requires an

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Housing Department

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£6,555-£7,329 p.a.

The Housing Aid Centre has a vacancy for a person to join a team of specialised staff involved with advising and assisting people with housing problems. The main areas of responsibility are landlord and tenant advice, advising the single homeless, welfare rights and rehousing problems.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the development of the advice service by working in the community, making contact with local groups, giving talks and holding "surgeries". He/she will also need an enquiring mind and an imaginative and flexible approach to problem solving plus the maturity to cope with people often in stressful situations.

Sales oral and written communication skills are essential together with the ability to absorb complex information and explain it simply. Experience of working in a multi-racial community would be an advantage.

Further details and job description are available from the Personnel Department, Level 6, Civic Offices, Civic Centre, Reading. Telephone: Reading (0734) 55911, Extension 2032.

Closing date 22 May, 1985.

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Applications should be made in writing to: The Estate Office, Thornham Estate, Thornham Magna, Eye, Suffolk.

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ASSISTANT CO-ORDINATORS

(two posts)

National Charity seeks administrative assistants to strengthen its support services to its Associations, Branches and younger members' Groups. Duties will include organising public meetings to promote the Society and recruit support; setting up workshops, study days and training schemes for members and other interested people and generally being responsible for Society matters within the designated area. There will be some travel within that area.

Previous administrative experience essential. Preferred age range 25-40. Salary range £6,000 – £8,000.

Application forms and job descriptions available from the General Secretary, The Multiple Sclerosis Society, 286 Munster Road, Fulham, London SW6 6AP (01-381 4022) quoting ref. E/AC.

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TWO DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

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COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

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£9,114 – £10,716

Coventry succeeded in obtaining specialist funding to set up a Drug Problem Team comprising a Social Worker, Community Psychiatric Nurse and Clerk. The Team have researched the drug problem in Coventry and are about to embark on setting up a counselling service in city centre premises.

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The funding for the Team is only guaranteed until March 1987 although it is hoped that the Team will become permanent, however under the Council's existing policies the successful applicant will be offered suitable alternative employment if the team ceases.

Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years' post qualification experience.

Informal enquiries to Steve Newton, Coventry (0203) 662120.

Application forms and further particulars from Director of Social Services, Room 29, New Council Offices, Little Park Street, Coventry. Telephone: (0203) 25555 ext 2196 by 20th May 1985.

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GENERAL

Barking, Havering & Brentwood Health Authority

RESEARCHER

HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL FUNDED PROJECT

Salary: to £8,782 p.a. including L.W.

To initiate and conduct research into the potential role of community pharmacists as health educators. While based in the Brentwood/Harold Wood area of Essex, the project will involve pharmacists in the North East Thames region and will be conducted over an 18 month period. The project is funded by the Health Education Council.

Applicants should have a sound knowledge of research methodology — particularly questionnaire designs and interviewing techniques — and be good communicators. Experience in either health education or pharmacy would be an advantage. Car owner/driver essential.

Informal inquiries would be welcomed by Mr A. Shalford, District Pharmaceutical Officer, on Romford 46090 ext. 3520. Application form and job description available from: The District Personnel Office, Leigh House, Harold Wood Hospital, Gubbins Lane, Romford, Essex RM3 0BE. *Telephone Ingrebourne 49511 ext. 251).* Closing date: May 31, 1985.

Bloomsbury Health Authority
COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

TEAM LEADER/RESEARCHER FOR YOUNG PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED TEAM
(1 YEAR APPOINTMENT)

Salary: £9,828-£11,823 p.a. inclusive of London Weighting

The District Health Authority is seeking to develop a service for physically handicapped people living within this area.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, innovative, and experienced Researcher to carry out an evaluation programme over a 1 year period.

The areas to be assessed are diverse, but will include an identification of young physically handicapped people and the needs of their carers. Previous experience gained in social research and report writing is essential: together with the ability to design and implement studies and to analyse the data.

A graduate with Social Service or NHS background is preferred. Further information or an informal visit, contact Dr L. Benson on 01-388 7011 Ext. 236 Job Description and application form available; Unit Personnel Officer, Bloomsbury Health Authority, Community Services Unit, 64 Upper Montagu Street, London W1. Reference number CUA 26.
Closing date: May 22, 1985.

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(Re-advertisement — previous applicants do not need to apply)

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Application form and job description may be obtained from:
The Arts and Recreation Officer,
Old Palace, Mill Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6YE
Telephone: Maidstone 671361 ext 159
To be returned by May 24, 1985

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY

TEMPORARY PROJECT OFFICER
(ELECTORAL REGISTRATION CANVASS)

After its successful and innovatory Electoral Registration Survey in 1984, Haringey is looking for someone to organise its 1985 Canvass. The work involves planning a large door-to-door canvass, supervising a large part-time field-force and determining how the project should be organised in future years. Experience of organising large scale surveys and working to tight time schedules an advantage.

The appointment will run from June 1985, to February 1986. Salary will be in the range £11,573 to £12,215 pa.

For an application form and further information please telephone 01-881 6065 (24 hour answerphone). Closing date: May 22. 1985.

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Further details and application form from Alison Campbell, London ICOM Ltd, 7 Bradbury Street, London N16 8JN. Tel: 01-249 2837.

YOUTH SERVICES

SOMERSET EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
TAUNTON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

DEPUTY WARDEN (TEMPORARY)
REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 1985

The appointee shares with the acting warden responsibility for a wide range of activities at this modern purpose built centre, as part of Somerset's community education service the centre caters for young people, community groups, and adult users and the busy weekly programme reflects this wide community usage.

Applicants for this post, funded initially for twelve months during the secondment of the present warden, should be qualified under the terms of the JNC report for youth and community centre wardens and have previous youth work experience.

Salary JNC 2 (point 1) £8,357 per annum.

Application forms and further details available from the Chief Education Officer, Staffing (NT) Section, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY. Stamped addressed envelope please.
Closing date May 24, 1985.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY APPOINTMENTS
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SOCIAL WORK

Manchester City Council

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

THIRD OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

£8,262 - £9,114 plus two increments for appropriate qualifications. Sleeping-in required on a rota basis for which there is a payment of £10.05 a night

Forrester House, 59 Blackwin Street, West Gorton, Manchester 12

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For informal discussion contact Mr S. Reynolds, Officer-in-Charge 061-223 1682

Application forms from Personnel Section, PO Box 536, Town Hall Extension, Manchester M60 2AF.

Tel: 061-234 3867/3868. Closing date: 24.5.85

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GENERAL

WARSOP & DISTRICT MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

PROJECT MANAGER

£7,524-£10,107

The association are committed to the provision of a locally based mental handicap service in the Warsop area and are shortly to open a community centre and residential unit.

A Project Manager is now required to promote and manage these resources. A relevant qualification and experience would be desirable but more important are the drive and initiative to establish this new service. The post is initially funded for a period of three years but hopefully will become permanent.

Applications should be in writing in the first instance. Informal interviews will be offered to all shortlisted candidates.

Application forms are available from Mrs J. Mason, c/o 6 Ransom Rd, Rainworth, Mansfield. Tel Mansfield 795661. Closing date. May 24, 1985.

ST ANN'S HOSPICE

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Ref. 485

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Informal discussions with John Newton, District General Manager are welcome.

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Further details available from Mr C. J. M. Newton, District General Manager.

Application forms and job descriptions for both posts from District Personnel Officer, Scarsdale Hospital, Newbold Road, Chesterfield, S41 7PF. Telephone (0246) 31255, ext. 206. Closing date May 31, 1985 for both posts.

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For an informal discussion phone Mrs Willis, D.H.E.O., on 0388/747317.

For an application form etc phone 0388/605811 ext 28.

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Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale

Social Services Department

Calderdale is an attractive Pennine District with an interesting mix of urban and rural areas, that include much fine valley and moorland scenery.

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At this interesting time in the development of the Social Services Department two key posts require to be filled by managers of substantial proven experience and high ability.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

(FIELDWORK AND DOMICILIARY SERVICES)

The successful applicant for this post will have overall responsibility for the operational management of all field-work and domiciliary services. These services are at present provided largely from three area offices and four sub-offices. However, the post holder will play a key role in a review of the role and functioning of these services with a view to moving towards a more consistent community orientated approach. Although it is likely that the successful candidate will be qualified and experienced as a Social Worker, it is vital that he or she is able to offer effective and imaginative managerial leadership to the domiciliary occupational therapy and other services provided by this section of the Department.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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The post holder will have overall responsibility for the operational management of some 56 Residential and Day Care Establishments. Apart from the day to day control of this vital and complex area of work, an important function of the postholder will be to establish detailed objectives for Residential and Day Care Services and set up systems for monitoring the effectiveness of these services in the light of these objectives.

Applicants for both posts should be good communicators, both verbally and on paper and should be in sympathy with a management style which encourages the participation of staff at all levels in the development of policy proposals.

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Persons interested in either of these posts may contact Dr Rod Ryall, Director of Social Services at Halifax 63561

Further details and application forms are available from Director of Social Services, Social Services Department, Wellesley Park, Gibbet Street, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX2 0BA, and should be returned by May 31, 1985

HEALTH

London Borough of Harrow

LETTINGS COORDINATOR

REF H23 14

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For an informal chat ring 01-863 5611 and speak to Jean Hedges on ext. 2128 or Joyce Beadle on ext. 2123.

Further information and application forms are available from the Administrative Officer, Housing Department, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2XG. Tel. 01-863 5611, ext 2126. Closing date May 24, 1985.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Edward Kennedy
St Helens 37, Wigan 14

Saints in sixth heaven

Scoring six dashing tries, St Helens won this Premiership semi-final at Moseley Road last night with the utmost ease and now play Hull KR in the final at Elland Road, Leeds, on Saturday. Wigan, after their Silk Cut Challenge Cup triumph at Wembley on Saturday, looked drained of energy and enthusiasm. St Helens never looked at risk and were particularly well served by their full-back Veivers, centre Meninga and Pinner at loose forward.

Looking far more assured and confident on attack, St Helens took the lead after 18 minutes when Meninga's nicely-timed short pass put Peters through a gap and all Arkwright, coming up strongly on the inside, had to do was race clear to the posts. This gave Meninga the easiest of goals.

Five minutes later Wigan strung an attack together and Kenny and Donlan combined for Stephenson to dummy his way over and score near the posts despite going perilously close to the dead ball line. Gill's goal made it 6-6.

Wigan led after 25 minutes when Stephenson kicked a penalty, but St Helens were always the more dangerous. After 30 minutes a break by Ledger gave Meninga a chance and he used his weight and speed to beat Phil Ford and *Juliff on the touchline to score* a 50-yard try.

Meninga missed the kick but two minutes before half time Pinner increased the lead with a crisply taken drop goal.

St Helens increased their lead with a well-taken try after 49 minutes. Arkwright created the opening and Pinner dashed 30 yards, beating Phil Ford en route, to score. Ledger added the goal.

After a try by Phil Ford, goaled by Stephenson, had brought Wigan to 14-17, they disintegrated completely. In *the last eight minutes* Ainsworth, Allen, a first half substitute for Peters, and Holding scored tries with Ledger kicking three goals including a penalty.

St Helens.—Veivers; Meadows, Peters, Meninga, Ledger; Arkwright, Holding; Burke, Ainsworth, Gorley, Platt, Haggerty, Pinner (capt).
Wigan.—P. Ford; Juliff, Stephenson, Donlan, Gill; Kenny, M. Ford; Courtney, Kiss, Campbell, Dunn, West (capt), Potter.
Referee: F. Lindop (Wakefield).

SPORT IN BRIEF

TENNIS: Ivan Lendl profited from an interruption because of rain to complete a surprisingly difficult 7-5, 6-3 win over the unseeded South African Christo Steyn, ranked No 179 in the world, in the first round of the Tournament of Champions in New York yesterday.

The pressures on court proved too much for Lior Rusinek of the United States when he lost his match to Ian Currie of Essex in the LTA Spring Circuit tournament at Bournemouth yesterday. After going down 6-1, 6-0 for his fourth successive first-round defeat on the circuit he phoned his home in Ohio and told them he was giving up tennis and would they please arrange a job interview for him.

BOXING: Michael Spinks is to defend his undisputed world light-heavyweight title against fellow American Jim McDonald at Las Vegas on June 6. Plans for Spinks to challenge the undefeated IBF world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, fell through last month. John Feeney, the British bantamweight champion, will meet Swansea's Peter Harris at the Warrington Spectrum on Thursday. The title will not be at stake.

CYCLING: Jose Recio of Spain won the 14th stage of the Tour of Spain, from Valencia to Benidorm, yesterday after breaking away 77 kilometers from the finish. The Scottish rider Robert Millar retained the overall leader's yellow jersey, and with five stages left, now has realistic chances of winning the race.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Mike Davis, the brilliant 24-year-old halfback from the Sydney club Penrith, has agreed to rejoin Fulham next September. This season he scored 16 tries in 23 games for the London club.

BASKETBALL: Manchester Giants have transfer-listed the England captain Dan Lloyd, his fellow international Dave Gardner and their 6ft 9in American centre Colin McNish.

FIXTURES

Soccer
(7.30 unless stated)

UEFA CUP.—Final, first leg: Videoton v. Real Madrid.
CANON LEAGUE. — FIRST DIVISION: Chelsea v. Luton.
THIRD DIVISION: Bournemouth v. Millwall (6).
FOURTH DIVISION: Rochdale v. Stockport.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — Semi-finals. North: Bolton v. Mansfield. Lincoln v. Wigan. South: Orient v. Newport.
PAT JENNINGS TESTIMONIAL: Arsenal v. Tottenham.
CENTRAL LEAGUE (7). — First Division: Barnsley v. Everton, Newcastle v. Aston Villa. Second Division: Doncaster v. Hull, Leicester v. Wigan, Preston v. Scunthorpe, York v. Oldham.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v. Swansea (2.30). Millwall v. Fulham (2). Reading v. Birmingham.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP.—Final: Lewes v. Bognor Regis (at Worthing).
SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Cup Final—Second leg: Tellesian v. Arsenal. First Division: QPR v. West Ham.
MIDLANDS FLOODLIGHT CUP. — Final. Second leg: Nuneaton v. VS Rugby.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE.—Accrington v. Fleetwood, Leek v. Eastwood, Radcliffe v. Curzon Ashton.



SIVARAMA: Brilliant youngster

Stephen Petty examines the demise of the leg spin bowler

Left without a leggy to stand on

JUST AS the arrival of spring is associated with the *first call of the cuckoo*, you can always tell a new cricket season when you again detect the persistent and harrowing caw of the leggy-lover as they make their annual lament concerning the lack of leg-spin bowlers.

And the cries from this "bring-back-the-leggy" movement, who will no doubt be appeased at the inclusion of Bob Holland in Australia's team at Taunton today, are sure to be more piercing than ever this year. During their winter hibernation the leggy-lovers have greedily lapped up stories of great leg-breaking feats in far-away continents — Sivarama's googlies, for instance, being the subject of unadulterated adulation in country bars and gentlemen's clubs whenever reports came through from India, and there was much excitement when Holland successfully used "wrong-uns" to go through the West Indians in one Test-match.

It would, however, be a serious mistake for us to bow before this pressure. For while the world might at any one time contain one or two exceptions to the rule (Qadir and Sivarama for example — though even they bowl a fair amount of cannon fodder), the sad truth about leg-spinners in history *is that*, at all levels of the game, their presence in the side was an almost unmitigated disaster.

Their bowling would be invariably laced with long-hops, full-tosses and other even more *catastrophic inaccuracies* — dangerous, yes, but mainly for fielders and spectators rather than for batsmen. For bowling leg-breaks requires a very awkward and rather painful twist of the fingers or jerk of the wrist and the vast majority of leggies in the past simply were not up to the task.

Most leggies were consequently done away with for the simple reason that they got into the habit of giving the opposition a large number of runs very quickly. Indeed, *when you meet former* leggies today — now a clandestine group — they are only too willing to accept their short-comings. One wayward leggy from the 1950s, who shall be known as Ted, put it this way, pausing occasionally to draw pensively from his pipe:

"When they first 'eard I were a leggy they signed me up right there and then — there were great prospects for a leggy at one time. I 'ad so much bowling in that first



HOLLAND: "Wrong-uns"

year my fingers grew enormous, all swollen. I only took three wickets that season though and when they found out that my bowling average were nearly 450 runs per wicket taken they sacked the captain and didn't ask me to bowl for them again."

The growth of one-day cricket in the 1970s is often blamed for the decline but the leg-spinner was already beginning to disappear, the *last serious ones being* phased out at roughly the same time as the last steam locomotives. If one-day cricket did have anything to do with it, it made the batsman more aware that, if he were bold enough, he could smite the leggy to just about anywhere, with or against the spin.

The tide thus turned against leg-spinners and captains took instead to shouting down the mines again for fast and furious bowlers. (Somehow, "Is there a leg-spinner down there?" never quite managed to fire the miners' imagination.) Leggies soon began to wonder where their next over might come from, and for many, the infamous covering of the wickets was the final straw.

"Sticky dogs" had been the leggies' last lifeline; they might only find one or two pitches like them a season but at least they could live in hope that their endless hours of faithful fielding in the deep might occasionally be rewarded, weather permitting.

And even sticky dogs could bite the leggy just where it hurt. His rusty arms and fingers would sometimes make a complete dog's dinner of it on the long-awaited day. Other leg-*spinners would become so* excited that they too would fail to locate the wicket or would unerringly pitch it in just the wrong place.

"Reading" the leg-spinner would consequently cause more headaches for the fielding captain than for opposition batsmen; a priceless opportunity was lost, every blow to the boundary was a further blow to the leg-spinner's raison d'etre. Former leg-spinner Ralph, currently working on his second autobiography Hit For Another Six, was one whose raison d'etre suffered such a blow.

"If you failed on a sticky dog the other lads would taunt you more than usual, saying that their great aunt's under-arm could have skittled them out on that pitch, why didn't I go back to the circus, that kind of thing. After remarks like that, there were a few fists flying in that dressing-room I can tell you."

Disillusion thus set in on all sides and leg-spinners gradually "turned" no more, except perhaps to batting. Fields which were once brought to life by them are, of course, now full of more sober seam-up specimens. Once a colourful part of the country scene, like cowslips, they are now venerated chiefly because there are so few left. It is a sad tale in a way, but surely it was only natural that the leggy's life would be limited if, as it generally turned out, he was unable to get a grip.

GOLF

Liz Kahn in Paris

First lady banks on putter

The glamorous American professional Jan Stephenson, heads one of the most fascinating fields to be brought together in women's golf in recent times in the inaugural Hennessy Ladies Cup at St Cloud, Paris, which begins today.

Among the 85 professional and amateur competitors in the 72-hole £40,000 event are 14-year-old Maria Carmen Navarro, the Spanish junior champion in 1983, and the precocious senior champion the following year, and 51-year-old *Odile Semelaigne*, who was first a French champion in 1954.

Also back in competition is a major star of the Sixties, Catherine Lacoste, now 39, married and living in Madrid with four children. She took not only the British and American amateur titles but also defeated all the US Professionals to win their 1967 open — 16 years before Miss Stephenson achieved the same success.

Miss Stephenson, in Paris for the first time, hopes to excel on the greens.

Upset by her putting, and threatening premature retirement during last year's British Women's Open at Woburn, she managed to purloin an old Ping Anser putter from her pro-am partner in Northern Ireland, the following week.

"His handicap was 18 and *his putting was superb*. I knew it had to be the putter. He told me it had sentimental value as it was a present for his 18th birthday, but I went in the shop at Clandeboye, bought him a lovely new putter, and used his in the tournament, when I had one round of 67.

"Having grooved my putting stroke with it in the winter I won the GNA classic using it in March." Her victory made her a dollar millionaire: she has already won more than *$90,000 this season, and com*mands at least $10,000 for a one-day appearance.

Last winter Miss Stephenson added to her achievements when she was involved in designing a golf course with Tom Weiskopf in Phoenix. "I am not only involved in the golf course but also in the club house where the women's locker rooms are twice the size of the men's," she said.

Miss Stephenson will be challenged by the full force of the WPGA at St Cloud, including last week's winner Gillian Stewart. Dale Reid, who did not quite get into her stride and Kitrina Douglas who showed some sparkle and finished sixth.

Martin Searby at Headingley

Jarvis gives Yorkshire a thrilling two-run triumph

CRICKET

To those who consider that one-day cricket is the only form of the game to provide the thrills and spills demanded by an increasingly excitable public, Yorkshire and Middlesex provided the perfect answer at Headingley with a game of Le Carre-like twists and turns that left Yorkshire with an extraordinary win by two runs with four balls of the match remaining.

After a miserable morning with the bat when Yorkshire's surrender appeared certain, Middlesex were set to make 215 in 60 overs on a very easy-paced pitch.

They were running smoothly with 62 for the first wicket before Downton was caught behind sweeping and in over-drive as Gatting and Slack put on 47 in 13 overs for the second, at which point the captain was run out by a direct hit by Sharp from mid-wicket.

Sidebottom, earlier demoralised by the number of times Slack played and missed, now returned with a high-class spell and, with the football stand at his back had Butcher leg before and Radley and Barlow caught behind by the deputy wicketkeeper in the space of 17 deliveries.

Emburey, with Slack still not timing the ball, kept Middlesex in line for a late victory push with still no more than six runs an over required, but he was well held behind driving at a wide ball. Ten overs were left, 61 wanted, and all rested with Slack who was denied his century as Carrick, the acting Yorkshire captain—and a smart one too—clung on to a drive at short mid-wicket.

Carrick dangled the carrot and the odds swung Middlesex's way again when Jarvis, the 20-year-old colt, was forced to take over from the tiring Sidebottom. But he yorked Edmonds to even things and was then hit for six by Cowans to swing the pendulum again.

But the England fast bowler was bowled next ball and, with the last man in, 10 were wanted from a dozen deliveries. A dropped catch by Robinson at deep square leg gave Williams what appeared to be a most valuable life, and six runs came to leave Jarvis to bowl the final over with four required.

Daniel ran a leg bye off the first ball but Williams, trying to work the ball to mid-wicket, missed and was given out leg before to provide Jarvis with three for 27 from his last 26 deliveries and Yorkshire with victory.

YORKSHIRE.—First innings: 304 for 9 dec. (P. E. Robinson 62, A. Sidebottom 55).
MIDDLESEX.—First innings: 225 for 2 dec. (W. N. Slack 86 not out, P. H. Downton 70).

YORKSHIRE—Second Innings (Overnight: 12 for 2)

P. W. Jarvis c Downton b Williams	10
K. Sharp c Emburey b Daniel	20
J. D. Love b Daniel	4
P. E. Robinson c Gatting b Williams	19
D. L. Bairstow not out	33
A. Sidebottom c Gatting b Cowans	23
P. Carrick run out	1
G. B. Stevenson c Williams b Cowans	6
S. D. Fletcher c Slack b Cowans	0
Extras (lb 7, w 6)	13
Total	135

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-32, 3-68, 4-68, 5-121, 6-135, 7-135, 8-135, 9-135, 10-135.
Bowling: Daniel 13-4-19-3; Gatting 2-1-4-0; Edmonds 5-2-16-1; Emburey 17-3-28-0; Cowans 9-3-30-3; Williams 6-0-31-2.

MIDDLESEX—Second Innings

W. N. Slack c Carrick b Stevenson	69
P. R. Downton c Blakey b Carrick	13
M. W. Gatting run out	23
R. O. Butcher lbw b Sidebottom	2
C. T. Radley lbw b Sidebottom	4
G. D. Barlow c Blakey b Sidebottom	0
J. E. Emburey c Blakey b Fletcher	8
P. H. Edmonds b Jarvis	22
N. G. Cowans b Jarvis	12
N. Williams low b Jarvis	10
W. W. Daniel not out	7
Extras (lb11, nb7)	18
Total	212

Fall of wickets: 62, 109, 113, 123, 123, 149, 178, 184, 205.
Bowling: Sidebottom 21-3-47-3; Jarvis 11.2-1-51-3; Fletcher 7-0-30-1; Carrick 8-1-33-1; Stevenson 12-1-40-1.
Boots points: Yorkshire 4, Middlesex 6.

N. Zealand fight back

Jeff Crowe hit a sparkling century in an unbroken stand of 198 for the second wicket as New Zealand fought their way out of trouble after following on against West Indies in the final Test at Kingston.

Crowe's 108 rallied the Kiwis and Howarth, after an uncertain start, batted with increasing authority for 78.

WEST INDIES.—First Innings 353 (D. L. Haynes 76, P. J. Dujon 70; Hadlee 4 for 53).
NEW ZEALAND.—First Innings 188 (J. G. Wright 53; Davis 4 for 19).

NEW ZEALAND—Second Innings

J. G. Wright c Dujon b Garner	10
G. F. Howarth not out	78
J. J. Crowe not out	108
Extras (b 6, lb 3, nb 6)	15
Total (for 1)	211

McDermott in

The 19-year-old fast bowler *Craig McDermott* has recovered from a cold and takes his place in the Australian side to face Somerset at Taunton today. In the opening first class game of their summer tour.

His face colleague Dave Gilbert, however, is still affected *by flu and McDermott will* compete for the new ball with Jeff Thomson and Geoff Lawson. The tourists attack is completed by the spinners Dutchy Holland and Greg Matthews.

AUSTRALIANS. — A. R. Border* (capt); A. M. J. Hilditch, K. C. Wessels, D. M. Wellham, G. R. Matthews, W. B. Phillips (wkt), E. C. Boon, C. F. Lawson, R. G. Holland, C. J. McDermott, J. R. Thomson. Twelfth man: G. M. Ritchie.

● With Sylvester Clarke out for the rest of the season with a slipped disc, Surrey are to seek another overseas fast bowler, which creates a dilemma because they are not allowed a second imported player in the same side as their New Zealand-born captain, Geoff Howarth.

● Derek Underwood (leg muscle) and Graham Dilley (back) are expected to return to the Kent side after injury for the match against Middlesex at Lord's.

● David Smith replaces Alvin Kallicharran (damaged shoulder) in the Warwickshire side to meet Glamorgan at Edgbaston.

County Table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (13)	2	2	0	0	7	6	45
Essex (1)	2	1	0	1	5	8	28
Nottinghamshire (2)	2	1	0	1	5	7	28
Yorkshire (16)	2	1	0	1	3	6	25
Lancashire (16)	2	1	0	1	3	6	25
Middlesex (3)	2	1	0	1	3	6	25
Northamptonshire (11)	2	1	0	1	3	6	25
Surrey (8)	2	0	0	2	5	6	14
Hampshire (15)	2	0	0	2	2	6	13
Somerset (7)	2	0	0	2	2	6	13
Kent (9)	2	0	0	2	2	6	13
Worcestershire (10)	2	0	0	2	2	6	13
Warwickshire (8)	1	0	1	0	4	4	8
Gloucestershire (7)	1	0	1	0	1	4	5
Sussex (6)	1	0	1	0	1	4	5
Derbyshire (11)	1	0	1	0	0	3	3
Leicestershire (4)	1	0	0	1	1	2	3

1984 positions in brackets.

Matthew Engel at Northampton

Storie opens with a tale of the century

New batsmen keep popping up round the country like the buttercups. At Northampton yesteday a 19-year-old called Alastair Storie imprinted himself on local cricketing history and the match by scoring 106, evidently becoming the first Northamptonshire batsman ever to score a century on his English debut and thwarting *what would otherwise have* turned into a clear-cut Hampshire victory.

Pop up is really too active a phrase to convey the flavour of Storie's innings. He batted for just over six hours, mousey hair encased in a white helmet, such strokes as he may possess encased in a corset of responsibility, while the rest of the Northamptonshire batting crumpled around him.

Even that would not have been enough to get the draw had it not been for the Guyanese fast bowler Ray Joseph *who came out at No. 1 to join* Storie, stayed for an hour and a quarter and shared in the biggest stand of the day. Had Joseph gone quickly, Hampshire would have faced an intriguing run chase of 200 odd in about 35 overs.

He never went at all. Storie was the last man out, caught at silly point, and Hampshire, 265 behind, were left with only two overs to bat. He did not even both to take off his pads and finished the day by keeping wicket while George Sharp bowled.

Storie is another example of the new breed of quasi-Brits in county cricket. Since the clampdown on overseas players, clubs have been trawling the world for players who might count as English, like Victorian plant hunters chasing rare specimens to bring back to their gardens.

Storie is not English on any reckoning: he is Glasgow-born, South African-bred and has played most of his cricket for the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg. Northants however, did not have to look very hard *for him — he wrote and* asked for a trial. He played in this match at 25 minutes notice when Geoff Cook pulled out through the after-effects of his close-season operation.

When Joseph came in, Storie only had 72 and no one was thinking about a century. Instead, we hacks were wondering whether or not he would be the first person ever to carry his bat on his first class debut. There turned out to be three snags in that.

Firstly, it has been done twice before, in 1867 and 1932; secondly, it transpired that this was not Storie's first class debut. He got a game for Transvaal B in the winter; thirdly, he did not carry his bat. Joseph outlasted him. The way he was batting, he might *have managed a century as* well. Whatever happened to rabbits?

It was all most frustrating for Hampshire. This had looked like a declaration match after both teams had passed 350 in the first innings. But both the bounce and the batting were uneven yesterday morning. Larkins was out in the third over and Cardigan Connor, the bowler who came to Hampshire from Anguilla via Buckinghamshire, nipped the ball quite sharply off the seam and took the next three *for seven in five overs.*

He did not quite match his namesake in the Crimea for foolhardy aggression, but the effect was to take the batsmens' minds off the declaration and on to blocking. Only Storie did this for long. His defensive technique looked immaculate.

The new Hampshire captain, Nicholas, manipulating his bowling resources as best he could. His own teenager, Steve Andrew, also showed signs of promise, bowling at fast medium with consistency and bite. Marshall and Greenidge are back soon. It was not Hampshire's day, but they are going to have many good ones in the months and years ahead.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—First Innings 373 for 8 dec (R. J. Bailey 101, W. Larkins 53, G. Williams 50).
HAMPSHIRE.—First Innings 352 for 8 dec (M. C. J. Nicholas 94, R. J. Parks 52 not out).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—Second Innings (Overnight: 60 for 0)

W. Larkins c Terry b Andrew	41
A. C. Storey c Hardy b Marr	106
R. G. Williams c Parks b Connor	6
A. J. Lamb c Parks b Connor	8
R. J. Bailey c Cowley b Connor	0
D. J. Capel c Parks b Cowley	16
D. J. Wild c Terry b Connor	2
G. Sharp c R. Smith b Tremlett	9
N. A. Mallender c Parks b Andrew	13
A. Walker c Parks b Marr	11
R. F. Joseph not out	28
Extras (lb4, nb2)	6
Total	243

Fall of wickets: 83, 92, 94, 98, 125, 149, 178, 184, 205.
Bowling: Connor 27-7-82-4; Andrew 24-4-67-2; Marr 27.5-3.5-43-2; Tremlett 12-7-30-1; Cowley 23-10-33-1; C. L. Smith 13-1, 45, 1-61, 1-83, 4-2-5-0; R. A. Smith 1-1-0-0.

HAMPSHIRE.—Second Innings

S. J. W. Andrew not out	2
R. J. Marr not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 0)	2

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 7, Hampshire 0.

SOCCER

Grahame Lloyd

Bangor's flights of fancy

IT SAYS much about the current state of Welsh club soccer that next season's European representatives are a non-League side who a year ago were on the brink of extinction.

As Cardiff, Swansea, and Wrexham became preoccupied with preserving their league positions, unfancied Bangor City quietly progressed to the Welsh Cup semi-finals, where they disposed of the remaining League club, Newport County.

With their opponents in the final being English — the holders, Shrewsbury Town — Bangor will automatically play in the European Cup-Winners' Cup... 23 years after their epic en*counter with mighty Naples* in the same competition.

Memories of that three-match tie — which Bangor eventually lost 2-1 at Highbury — are as strong as ever in the North Wales town... for one man in particular. Known to everyone as "Mr Bangor City" after 27 years at Farrar Road, the club's present trainer, Len Davies kept goal against the Italian Cup winners.

"We should have won by four goals not two at home," he recalls. "Five thousand supporters made the trip to Italy... in mini buses, coaches, even a chartered plane.

"We lost 3-1 and I remember the Italian cameras flashing every time Naples attacked and then cushions being set on fire and thrown on to the itch at the end. My most vivid memory is hearing Sos pan Facht. My most vivid being sung on the terraces by our fans."

Last season, after losing in a replay to Northwich Victoria in the FA Trophy *Final, Bangor* were relegated to the Northern Premier League where a poor start has left them mid-table.

In the last two years, £45,000 has been paid to the Inland Revenue and chairman John Ross Jones estimates the club's overall debts to be £90,000. "But we can afford to go into Europe," he insists. "Wherever we play, we will get sponsorship from idnividual companies and supporters who would rather spend money this way than clearing debts."

Bangor's success could prove to be a double-edged sword. A 10,000 crowd capacity means home matches may be played at Wrexham.

Len Davies, now 52, declines to compare the two Bangor teams but ruefully observes that, under present European rules, the 1962 side would have beaten Naples on away goals. Now he is hoping to benefit personally from the present side's fame.

"I'm due to have a testimonial this season and I'd like to think we could persuade Everton or Liverpool to come here now. That would be nice... especially as my career begn at Anfield 37 years ago."

Call to Arms Park meeting

THE WELSH FA meets today to choose the venue for the vital World Cup qualifier against Scotland in September.

By staging the game at Cardiff, the FAW would make an extra £100,000, even allowing for the cost of fencing. Cardiff's 53,000 capacity would leave ample room for the Tartan hordes, whereas a full house at Wrexham — just under 30,000 — would recreate the Spanish match atmosphere. The Welsh team have not lost at Wrexham in five years.

Robert Armstrong — Watford 0, WBA 2

Albion give Watford cause for concern

Watford's immediate future in the First Division is still not secure as a result of their unexpected defeat by a hardworking West Bromwich Albion at Vicarage Road last night. A *first half goal by Garry Thomp*son—his 20th of the season—and a last minute effort by Gary Owen clinched a victory for Albion that leaves Watford needing three points for absolute safety.

Watford's determination to give West Bromwich a rough ride was intensified by the knowledge that their last three games will be against leading clubs, Spurs, Manchester United and Liverpool. The Throstles often struggled to break out of their own half in the early stages as Taylor and Jackett took a grip on the midfield which their markers, Owen and Mackenzie were hard pressed to counter. It required a fine reflex save by Godden in the opening minutes to turf a strong header by West, from a cross by Callaghan, *away for a corner*. One had the feeling that a goal at that stage would have prompted a deluge, so uncertain did Bennett, Robertson, and Cowdrill seem as they jostled to gain command of their crowded penalty area.

Watford's attacking method was far removed from the long ball stereotype with which they are still often tagged. At times the succession of short one touch passes Taylor and Barnes used to probe West Bromwich's central defence was more reminiscent of, say, Tottenham or a sophisticated European team.

Nevertheless, for all their crisp approach work Watford allowed too many half chances to slip away to feel really secure.

Shortly after Taylor had blasted a dangerous through ball from Blissett over the crossbar West Bromwich were given a clear opportunity to open the scoring. However, *Hunt, unaccountably directed* a low harmless shot straight at Cpton, who gratefully smothered the ball.

John Giles's players displayed commendable competitive spirit despite occupying a position in the First Division *which neither promises a place* in Europe nor holds the threat of relegation. Having survived their share of early alarms, Albion's centre backs asserted the kind of authority that both West and Blissett were nable to circumvent no matter how often they jinked or switched position.

Shortly after the half hour Watford appeared to lose their rhythm and discipline to such a degree that even the Albion defenders felt confident enough to move up smartly into the opposing half. Such boldness paid dividends after 35 minutes when the Throstles went ahead wit a goal tatness inside the 6 yard box. Thompson met a right wing corner from Mackenzie with a determined lunge, forcing the ball over the line from a few yards.

Watford were so stung by this setback that they came within a whisker of equalising within a couple of minutes. However Blissett showed more strength than accuracy as he met a cross at the near post with a half volley.

Watford.—Coton, Gibbs, Rostron, Taylor, Terry, McClelland, Callaghan, Blissett, West, Jackett, Barnes.
West Bromwich Albion.—Godden, Nicholl, Cowdrill, Hunt, Bennett, Robertson, Bowen, Thompson, Mackenzie, Cross, Valentine.
Referee: M. Bodenham (Sussex).

SOCCER IN BRIEF

TOTTENHAM are hoping to sign Newcastle's Chris Waddle by the weekend. The Newcas*tle chairman, Stan Seymour*, who had talks with his Spurs counterpart Irving Scholar on Monday said yesterday "I would like the transfer to be completed before we go to New Zealand on tour next Tuesday." Peter Shreeves, Tottenham's manager, had further talks with the Danish defender Morten Olsen yesterday.

SAMPDORIA, for whom Graeme Souness and Trevor Francis, play have had their shares seized on the orders of a Turin magistrate probing an oil scandal involving the club president. The owner of Sampdoria, Roberto Monteforl, said the seizure will have no immediate effect on the management of the squad and team activities.

EVERTON will be presented with the Football League championship shield before their game with West Ham at Goodison Park tonight.

LIAM BRADY looks certain to play in Pat Jennings' testimonial tonight when Arsenal *meet Tottenham at Highbury*. Brady will return to Milan tomorrow for training with Inter.

VIDEOTON of Hungary are facing injury problems before their UEFA Cup final first leg match against Real Madrid *tonight*.

AJAX, the Dutch league leaders, have sacked their trainer Aad de Mos because of the team's recent poor results.

LENNIE LAWRENCE, the Charlton manager, is hoping to sign the Sheffield Wednesday striker John Pearson for £50,000. Pearson stayed on in London for talks after Wednesday's defeat at Chelsea on Monday.

SAILING

Ellis wins Cup

Jon Ellis won the Crebbin Cup after an exciting series of races at Lymington yesterday. Ellis's success in what is the junior championship gave him a place in the British Open match-racing championships for the Royal Lymington Cup, which begins on Friday.

Ellis, the captain of the British Universities' sailing team *and the Firefly champion*, had a shaky start, losing his first two matches to Marcus Hutchinson and the Crebbin defender, Graham Bailey. But then he won the next four, taking the trophy on a tie-break, having beaten Bailey in the second of their matches.

The conditions were ideal for good match-racing, 15 to 25 knots of northerly wind and flat water in the Solent.

Bailey began well by beating all three opponents in the opening round. Then Stewart Childerley and Ellis struck back and the outcome depended on the final match between Ellis and the Laser champion Childerley.

Ellis had the upper hand at the start and covered his rival closely on the beat to the first mark where he led by 12 seconds. On the run he increased this lead to 22 seconds, and doubled it on the short beat to the finish.

Bob Fisher

RESULTS

Soccer
WORLD CUP
Group 5

Austria (2) 4 — Cyprus (0) 0
Hrstic, Polster, Schachner, Willfurth — (in Graz, att 16,000)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	5	3	1	0	12	3	10
Austria	5	3	1	1	9	5	7
Netherlands	5	2	1	2	10	5	5
Cyprus	5	0	0	5	3	18	0

Final match: Netherlands v. Hungary, May 14.

CANON LEAGUE.—First Division: Watford 0, West Bromwich 2. Second Division: Charlton 3, Oxford 3; Grimsby 2, Brighton 4. Third Division: Bristol Rovers 3, Gillingham 2.
UEFA U-21 CHAMPIONSHIP. — Group 5: Austria 0 Cyprus 0 (in Graz).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Chelsea 1, Brighton 0; West Ham 0, Ipswich 6. Portsmouth 0 Norwich 1.
ENGLAND SCHOOLS UNDER-19 COUNTY CUP.—Final: Middlesex 1, Hampshire 0.

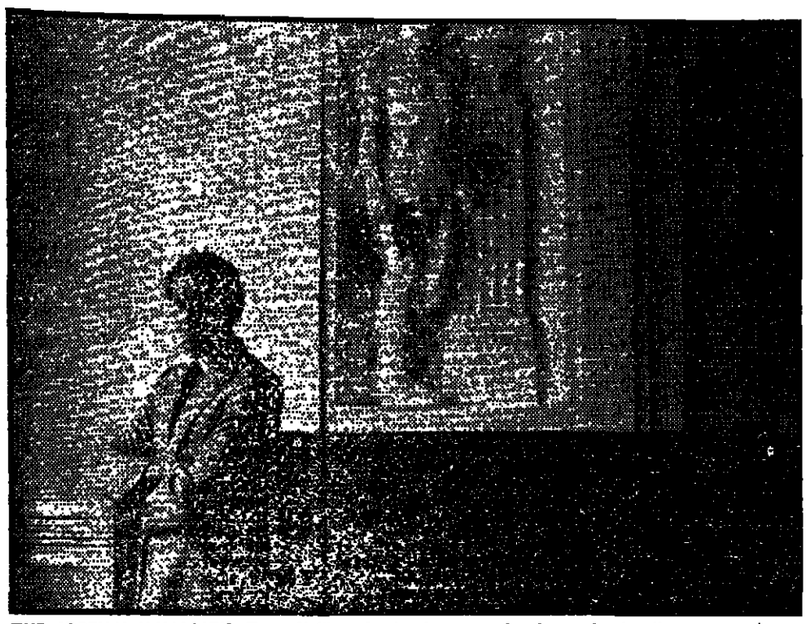
Rugby League
RUGBY LEAGUE.—Silelam Lager Premiership Semi-final: St Helens 37, Wigan 14.

Tennis
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Kobe, Japan).—Men's quarter-final: B. Gen (Swe) beat J. Carlsson (Swe) 6-4, 7-6. Women's quarter-final: C. Bassett (Can) beat C. Tanvier (Fr) 6-2.
LTA HARD COURT TOURNAMENT (Bournemouth).—Men's Singles. First Round: C. Allgardh (Swe) beat C. Pett (Lanes) 6-2, 6-1; L. Corria (Essex) beat L. Rocinek (US) 6-1, 6-0; M. Robinson (Lancs) beat S. Botsfield (Essex) 6-0, 6-2; D. Shaw (US) beat J. Goodall (Yorks) 6-4, 6-1; P. Lundgren (Swe) beat A. Brice (Cheshire) 6-2, 6-3; J. Bates (Surrey) beat D. Imonitie (Nig) 6-1, 6-3; L. Alfred (Wales) beat P. Flynn (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; R. Drysdale (Essex) beat P. Moore (Surrey) 6-3, 6-1; D. Felgate (Essex) beat M. Christensen (Den) 6-3, 7-6; M. Bullid (Il) beat C. Clarke (Bucks) 6-3, 6-1; P. Johnston (Aus) beat D. Ison (Leics) 6-3, 6-2; M. Walker (Wales) beat N. Fulwood (Derbys) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; P. Worsing (W Ger) beat M. Barock (Aus) 6-2, 6-0; M. Krakowzan (Aus) beat L. Morris (US) 6-1, 6-2; S. Youl (Aus) beat M. Blincow (Northants) 7-5, 6-3; J. Turner (Aus) beat P. Hughesman (Middx) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4.
Women's Singles. First Round: L. Pennington (Leics) beat M. Reinardt (W Ger) 6-4, 6-3; S. Sullivan (Essex) beat H. Loleit (W Ger) 6-0, 6-4; K. Karlsson (Swe) beat J. Wood (Middx) 7-5, 6-1; A. K. Olsson (Swe) beat K. Schimper (SA) 7-6, 6-3; M. Lundquist (Swe) beat A. Bjork (Swe) 6-0, 6-1; S. Mair (Scot) beat K. Schoormans (Bel) 6-4, 7-5; M. Mesnier (Arg) beat S. Reeves (Kent) 6-4, 6-2; C. Wood (Sussex) beat S. Almgren (Swe) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; A. Gamila (Rom) beat N. Lusty (Middx) 6-4, 6-2; D. Van Rensburg (SA) beat D. Moise (Rom) 6-4, 6-1; E. Reinach (SA) beat D. Hansel (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; L. Smale (Lancs) beat I. Kuczynska (Pol) 7-5, 6-2; M. Olsson (Swe) beat H. Nakazaka (Jap) 6-1, 6-2; J. Lewis (Devon) beat D. Parnell (Cheshire) 6-3, 6-2; B. Remmen (It) beat N. Ballet (Fr) 6-4, 6-1. A. Karlsson (Swe) beat B. Borneo (Beds) 6-1, 6-2.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (New York).—First Round: D. Cowpes (Br) beat J. Goss (Bra) 6-4, 6-2; R. Schultz (US) beat N. Odizar (Nig) 6-3, 6-2; R. Stad (Aus) beat A. Andrews (US) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; L. Duncan (US) beat S. Glickstein (Is) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; T. Wilkison (US) beat D. Cassidy (US) 7-5, 6-2; M. Jaite (Arg) beat D. Tarr (SA) 6-4, 7-6; M. Dickson (US) beat J. Lundos (US) 6-3, 6-2; F. Luna (Sp) beat J. Loving (US) 6-3, 6-1; E. Gutkasa (Br) beat A. Kohlberg (US) 7-5, 6-3; D. Mustard (NZ) beat G. Ocampo (It) 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; R. Aguilar (Fr) beat C. Miller (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; I. Lendl (Cz) beat C. Stow (SA) 7-5, 6-3.
AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sydney).—First round: S. Amiach (Fr) beat S. Rimes (US) 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; A. Croft (GB) beat E. Smylie (Aus) 6-1, 3-6, 6-0; S. Gomer (GB) beat L. Antonopolis (US) 6-2, 6-3; J. Thompson (Aus) beat A. Hendrickssen (US) (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Second round: A. Moulton (US) beat Y. Vermaak (SA) 6-2, 6-1.

Snooker
B.C.E. WELSH PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Aberdillery).—First round: S. Newberry (Neath) beat W. Jones (Aberdyscwy) 6-2. Quarter-finalist R. Reardon (Stoke) beat C. Everton (Birmingham) 6-2.

Cycling
INTERNATIONAL MEETING (Thisl).—200 metres: L. Hesslich (E Ger) 10.322sec (world record).
TOUR DE ROMANDIE.—Prologue (5.4km time trials, Monthey, Switz): 1, M. Argentin (It) 8min 14.42sec; 2, A. de Silva (Por) 8:16.45; 3, J. Mueller (Switz) 8:16.60; 8, S. Roche (Ire) 8:22.22.
DUNKIRK FOUR DAYS. — Prologue (7.2km): 1, J-L. Vandenbroucke (Bel) 8min 58sec; 2, A. Bondue (Fr) at 2sec; 3, F. van den Haute (Bel) at 11sec.
TOUR OF SPAIN.—14



THE ARSENAL HALLMARK: Terry Neill, maintained a reputation for professionalism

As Don Howe comes under pressure at Highbury, Robert Armstrong looks at Terry Neill's account of his own managership with Arsenal

Neill at the altar

TERRY NEILL would be described as a "close" character by his compatriots in Northern Ireland. During his 7½ years at Highbury, the former Tottenham and Arsenal manager gave next to nothing away in press interviews and was no more forthcoming in casual chit-chat. At crisis point Neill could be blandly evasive, waffling away about "the situation sorting itself out" until reporters grew weary with disinterest and drifted off to talk to his players downstairs in the marble entrance hall.

Liam Brady, perhaps the greatest Arsenal discovery of the modern era, had several harsh things to say about Neill in his book So Far, So Good five years ago. These *confirmed the impression* that Neill played his cards so close that there was habitual tension and unease between manager and players. It was no surprise when Brady and later Frank Stapleton moved elsewhere, though personal ambition was probably their chief motive.

Neill was not particularly successful as a manager, winning just a single trophy, the FA Cup in 1979, in nearly a decade in charge of two of the country's leading clubs. Yet despite his reluctance to be explicit, one always felt that Neill was one of the more intelligent and thoughtful young managers in the business. Certainly he maintained Arsenal's reputation for professionalism on the field and attention to detail off it.

These qualities are evident in Neill's splendidly produced autobiography, though he probably owes a heavy debt to two of Fleet Street's most talented soccer reporters, Brian Scovell and Harry Harris who helped to ghost the book. Admittedly there are no answers to the two questions everyone usually asks about sporting celebrities — how much does he earn? Who does he sleep with? but that is hardly surprising in view of Neill's cultivation of a "clean" public image. Dignity is always a key word in his vocabulary.

Nor does Neill deliver the "revelations" promised in the title in spite of a wealth of fascinating information about transfer deals and personal disputes at White Hart Lane and Highbury. For instance he claims that Clive Allen, purchased from QPR for £1 million, was transferred to Crystal Palace after eight weeks without kicking a ball for Arsenal because the striking partnership of Sunderland and Stapleton was too good to break up. Yet Neill knew he would have to face such a decision when he bought Allen in the summer of 1980. Why did Allen — now with Spurs — really leave?

Neill also remains silent on one of his managerial successes — David O'Leary's *decision to stay with Arsenal* in the face of offers from leading clubs throughout Europe. It seems that O'Leary was not given a club house — as many fans believed at the time — but it would be intriguing to learn how a top club legally circumvents our punitive tax laws which have helped drive players like Souness, Wilkins, Francis, and Brady away to Italy. Does O'Leary still believe loyalty was the best policy?

PETER HILL-WOOD, the Arsenal chairman, has said that he was "not giving reassurances to anyone about anything." This followed further speculation about the future of the Arsenal manager, Don Howe.

Nevertheless, the book deserves a wider readership than football supporters if only because it bristles with the kind of humorous anecdote that soccer pros rarely tell against their own kind. Few outsiders realise that when Bertie Mee was the Arsenal physiotherapist he used to order injured players to run up and down the terraces with Bertie crouched on their back like a jockey. Doing the double must have seemed like a rest cure.

More than once the Scottish centre-back, Willie Young, was invited by Neill to "go behind the stands to settle matters." This was no idle threat in view of the manager's candid admission that he once punched *Graham Rix in the face* during a training session because the England international was so persistent in trying to win the ball from him. Neill apologised to the squad and fined himself £200.

One of Arsenal's more successful signings, Malcolm Macdonald, complained to Neill on an Australian tour that he could not be expected to sleep in such a tiny hotel bed. The manager pointed out to the England striker that he had failed to open out the divan to its full size. Another time an anxious player came to Neill and plaintively said: "Boss, I'm going on holiday. How do I do it?"

Neill remains convinced that David Dein, a sugar importer who bought his way on to the board for £800,000 a few years ago, was instrumental in getting him the sack shortly before Christmas 1983. It seems Dein hoped to transfer his business acumen to the world of soccer

Like Harold Wilson, Neill cannot resist trying to justify past decisions with a little moral tale, invariably showing how his judgement was vindicated. But few would argue with Neill's resignation from Tottenham, a club still so stingy in 1976 that the secretary was forced to drive an unreliable old banger on his meagre salary.

Perhaps the greatest irony of Neill's eventful career is the fact that two coaches he brought to White Hart Lane in 1974 — Burkinshaw and Peter Shreeves — have together made Spurs the most successful team of the eighties in London. Meanwhile, Arsenal are still in the same position they occupied when the board got rid of Neill — struggling to qualify for Europe with nary a trophy in sight.

● *Terry Neill's Revelations of a Football Manager is published by Sidgwick Jackson at £7.95.*

Janet Ruff on the Great Britain squad

Wingless wonders

HOCKEY

The Great Britain women's squad announced after weekend training shows great depth in defence but a disappointing lack of forwards and no width in attack. The 15-strong squad, captained by England's Linda Carr, has been selected for three matches only, two against the Olympic champions Netherlands at Gateshead on June 1 and 2 and the third against Australia in Glasgow on June 22.

England's adaptable left wing Julie Bannister was not available for these matches but will surely be an automatic choice in further selections.

With the two outstanding right wings in Britain, Maggie Souyave of England and Marilyn Pugh from Wales, both excluded from the list for selection, the wingless die was cast early, furthering the coach Denis Hay's none too successful experiment with the Scottish women's team.

The three forward theory will be fully tested in the Dutch and Australian fixtures, *which while not counting for* Olympic qualifications will amply indicate Great Britain's requirements.

Wendy Banks retained the goalkeeping position and is joined for the first time by England's Julie Cook. Other newcomers are Mary Cheetham and Caroline Rule of England, Welsh captain Margaret Medlow, and the Scottish pair of Wendy Fraser and Alison Ramsey.

Great Britain Women's squad: W. Banks, M. Medlow (Wales), J. Bannister, K. Brown, L. Carr (Capt), M. Cheetham, Capt. K. Gordon B. Hambly, C. Rule (all England); J. Dobie, W. Fraser, S. Henderson, M. MacLeod, A. Ramsey (all Scotland); V. McBride (Ulster).

● David Cawthorn the manager of the England indoor team which won the silver medal in the European championships last year, has decided to retire, *writes Pat Rowley*. He has been an England indoor team official since they first competed internationally in 1972 and kept his side together despite outdoor team calls and severe financial restrictions.

Patrick Sullivan

Grass turns greener

BOWLS

Federation bowls, the poor relation of the greens, has come into a bit of money — and 12 of the best younger bowlers will get a free trip to the David Bryant Bowling centre at Cabrera in Spain.

The benefactor is Bill Denny, a Suffolk businessman who is patron of the English Bowls Federation. His £8,000 sponsorship is linked to the *Reg Wright under-25 team* tournament. The incentive to win is the holiday in Spain.

The Federation game dates back to the early 1900s. It has its own laws which differ in a number of respects from those of the dominant outdoor body, the English Bowling Association. As with EBA laws, the jack remains live when knocked into the ditch. But in the EBF game any bowl suffering a similar fate is out of the game, a rule which eliminates the often confusing "toucher."

Under Federation laws any bowl ending more than two yards from the jack, is out of the county. A rink comprises three players as opposed to the EBA's four and within that rink players are allowed to switch the order of play between ends.

Operating in just 11 English counties, mainly in the east, the EBF has little to offer businesses with a message to get across which is where Bill Denny comes in.

SQUASH RACKETS

Anderson on attack

The Women's Players' Association have hit back at the men who said they were considering separate tournaments during the British Open last month.

Greg Pollard, the men's chairman, had claimed that it was the men who attracted the sponsors and who should therefore seek better prize money by having split events.

"Quite frankly at the moment the women are providing better entertainment and more interesting results. Everyone knows who's going to win the men's event," said chairwoman Rae Anderson.

Many spectators at the British Open would support Anderson's view. The women's final between the New Zealander Sue Devoy and the British Closed champion Martine le Moignan was widely considered more entertaining than the men's, and after it both Devoy and le Moignan launched outspoken criticisms of the men's views.

Davies and Tate are pulling out of the British open championships they have sponsored for the past three years. The Eastbourne-based replacement window company say the success of last month's championships and television's increased interest in the sport have paved the way for a bigger sponsor to take over.

Philip Davies, chairman of the company which has put £190,000 into the open in three years, said: "We have achieved exactly what we set out to achieve through our association with the British Open and it seems an ideal opportunity to make our exit.

"The time is right for a national or multi-national company to come in and provide the increased funding which the sport deserves."

O'Brien luck changes with Law Society

RACING

Richard Baerlein

Vincent O'Brien ended a frustrating spell with all his horses down with the cough when Law Society, his first runner of the year in England, won yesterday's Dalham Chester Vase by a comfortable 2½ lengths from Petoski.

Petoski, when badly in need of a race had been beaten a length by Damister in the Guardian Classic Trial in slow time, and the time yesterday was again poor, some 7.72 seconds above standard.

The race was marred by an accident to the hot favourite, Miller's Mate, the mount of Lester Piggott. Miller's Mate was upsides Law Society a furlong and a half out when he dropped his near shoulder and it was clear something serious had hapened.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS. Nap—ALDO KING (Chester, 3.15) Next best—SOPRANO (Chester, 4.15).

Piggott jumped off at once and it was found that the colt had cracked a pastern. He was brought back in a horse trailer, which was something of a relief to all concerned, as it appeared from the stands to be so serious that he would have to be put down.

He had been backed in the morning down to as low as 6-1 for the Derby with some firms and a lot of money had been lost on him from 33-1 downwards.

This accident left Law Society the only runner from last year's William Hill Dewhurst Stakes to show any form at all this season well in front. He had been beaten a head by Kala Dancer in the Dewhurst with Local Suitor another head away third, and those two have so far failed to train on.

Law Society, a son of the dual Arc winner Alleged, may run in the Derby, for which Ladbrokes quote 8-1, but that will depend on how Leading Counsel performs in the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Saturday week.

O'Brien did not disguise the fact that Leading Counsel is his main Derby hope if he can be got ready in time.

He was the 7-1 clear favourite before he contracted the cough, from which he is now cured. He had been gradually pushed out to 16-1 in the betting and almost forgotten *before the arrival of Law Society* yesterday. After the race Ladbrokes offered 12-1.

Vincent O'Brien said: "They are two entirely different types of horses. Law Society is fit and ready. Leading counsel will be a very good horse in time, and it will all depend on how he runs in the Irish Guineas."

Law Society did a bad gallop a week ago and so plans to send him to Chester were abandoned. On Saturday he worked really well, pleasing the trainer and Pat Eddery no end, so plans were rapidly changed.

The bookmakers claim they are overloaded with Derby bets for 2,000 Guineas winner Shadeed. The William Hill organisation are, therefore being realistic in taking him out of the Derby betting. To put him up at 4-1 would be tantamount to conning the public, for he looks sure to drift in the market in what promises to prove the most open Derby for many a year.

The best value to be obtained over Shadeed will be when he arrives at the start. Those who want to back him *should follow my Monday* morning advice and wait until then.

The presentation of the A. T. Cross Jockey of the Month award to Pat Eddery after the first race seemed to inspire him to greater efforts as he followed his Chester Vase victory by winning the Ladbroke Racing Handicap on Mill Plantation, the best backed horse in the race.

Mistakenly I took Asir to win the John Porter Stakes at Newbury when one and a half miles proved far too short. Today's Ladbroke Chester Cup will give his stamina the necessary play and Gay Kelleway will be claiming the 5lb allowance.

Thus *Asir* will be meeting Tom Sharp, who finished 7¼ lengths in front of him in the Tote Cesarewitch, on 12lb better terms. Even then he will be hard pressed to give 24lbs to the promising four-year-old stayer Aldo King and 26lb to Meadowbrook, a similar type.

Meadowbrook has won his two races this season by eight lengths and 12 lengths respectively, but against moderate opposition. Aldo King, for whom more rain the better, put himself in line for a top staying handicap when winning over two miles at Newbury on his seasonal debut.

There he beat some seasoned stayers, Popsi's Joy, Flying Officer and Morgan's Choice. The latter failed us by a short head in last year's event, but will not be so well suited by the ground this time.

Meadowbrook and Aldo King were handicapped at levels last year. The only time they met Aldo King had a clear advantage. Ian Balding has engaged Ernie Johnson to get the maximum assistance available at 7st 7lb on Meadowbrook. It was Johnson who gained the only success on the colt in seven races last season.

There is a tip for the Epsom-trained Dominate, third to Valuable Witness at Sandown and a course winner at one mile seven furlongs.

Treasure Hunter, a course-and-distance winner, won on his season debut and is another well-fancied runner. Popsi's Joy is a reliable yardstick in staying handicaps and on Newbury running he represents Aldo King in here with a winning weight.

In-form Ian Balding can win the Cheshire Oaks with River Spey and the Sefton Maiden Filly Stakes with the Queen's well-bred fily Soprano.

Stay with Meadowbrook

Today's Ladbroke Chester Cup appears to rest between two of the bottom weights, Meadowbrook and Aldo King, who have both begun the season in sparkling fashion.

Aldo King wound up last year with a six lengths win from the hot favourite Ride The Skies, at Redcar in October and was even more impressive in his first run this year when beating that top class stayer Popsi's Joy a length and a half at Newbury last month, giving 5lb.

Meadowbrook (3.15) is on a hat-trick after easy wins at Haydock and Pontefract and on that form does not look harshly handicapped with 7st 7lb. He is slightly favoured to win this tricky race with the experienced lightweight jockey Ernie Johnson in the saddle.

Daniyar will be at short odds to win the Roodeye Stakes for the Aga Khan, but Indiana Pencil (4.45) put up some useful performances last season and if in the right mood could provide much better value.

DAVID HADERT

CHESTER CARD

2 15 Eastern Chief	3 45 Swift And Sure
2 45 Persian Knight	4 15 Silko
3 15 MEADOWBROOK (nap)	4 45 Indiana Pencil

JACKPOT & PLACEPOT: All six races
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best on to 1m
★ DENOTES BLINKERS: GOING: Good.

BBC-1

2 15—PHILIP CORBES NICKEL ALLOY STAKES; 5f; £1,216 (11 runners).

101 (6) D'OR'S GEM (Mrs F. Rebbill) P. Rohan 8-8 C. Dwyer
102 (1) EASTERN CHIEF (Sheik Mohammed) B. Wills 9-8 B. Thomson
103 (2) GREEN CROFT (Mrs S. Purcell) A. Jarvis 9-0 Pat Eddery
104 (11) KRUGER NATIONAL (Mrs S. Cockbill) R. J. Williams 9-0 T. Ives
105 (3) 2 LOUMAS (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P. Walwyn 9-0 J. Mercer
107 (9) PLANTER (C. Baxter-Lomax) T. Fairhurst 9-0 C. Cortes (5)
108 (8) 00 SANDITTON PALACE (David Abell) P. Felgate 9-0 S. Perks
109 (4) STEAL THE SNOW (Mr Burdett-Coutts) M. Usher 9-0 W. Carson
110 (10) MADAMOISELLE MARNIA (Ahmed Saleem) S. Norton 8-11 J. Lowe
112 (2) VARLY GLORIOUS (Lord Leverhulme) R. Houghton 8-11 S. Cauthen
113 (5) 0 WILL EMMA (BF) (E. Hughes) J. Berry 8-11 R. Darley

1984: Hot Girl 8-11 J. Reid 5-1 R. Houghton 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Eastern Chief, 3 Loumas, 5 Madamoiselle Marnia, 13-2 Valyly Glorious, 8 Green Croft, 12 Will Emma, D'Or's Gem.

BBC-1

2 45—CHESHIRE REGIMENT HANDICAP; 3-Y-O; 1¼m 66yds; £3,709 (9 runners).

203 (6) 021-30 LACE BANDANNA (D. Koch) W. Vigors 9-7 Pat Eddery
294 (3) 004- THE LODGE PRINCE (Qualitair Eng) M. Ryan 9-3 P. Robinson
295 (7) 00-411 PERSIAN KNIGHT (Miss S. Holmes) W. Musson 8-13 ... A. Mackay
208 (8) 034-344 CHAKKA (J. Paradise) R. J. Williams 8-11 R. Hills
297 (2) 42-0040 NO LIMIT (K. Fischer) R. Hollinshead 8-10 W. Ryan
205 (1) -00-4 BUSTER JO (E. Moller) G. Wragg 8-10 B. Crossley
209 (4) -030- OSMIUM (K. Dixon) M. Jarvis 8-7 B. Raymond
210 (5) 0100-01 LEPRECHAUN LADY (G. Corbett) N. Norton 8-6 J. Lowe
211 (9) 0000-34 DREYFUS ★ (F. Sasse) D. Sasse 8-1 C. Rutter (5)

1984: Trapeze Artist 9-5 J. Reid 12-1 N. Vigors 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Persian Knight, 7-2 Buster Jo, 9-2 Chakka, 13-2 Leprechaun Lady, 9 Dreyfus, 14 Lace Bandanna.
TOP FORM TIPS: Persian Knight 8, Leprechaun Lady 7, Buster Jo 6.

BBC-1

3 15—LADBROKE CHESTER CUP HANDICAP: 2lm 97yds; £16,962 (17 runners).

301 (14) 4005-00 ASIR (W. Mullins) P. Kelleway 5-9-10 Gay Kelleway (5)
302 (8) /000-23 DOWN FLIGHT (BF) (A. Albright) C. Holmes 5-8-10 Pat Eddery
304 (4) /14100- OUT OF THE GLOOM (P. Green) R. Hollinshead 4-8-5 ... S. Perks
306 (1) 4424-03 DOMINATE CD (Mrs S. Whitham) P. Mitchell 4-8-4 T. Williams (3)
307 (12) /4011-0 TOM SHARP (BF) (M. Yarrow) W. Wharton 5-8-3 ... S. Dawson (3)
309 (15) 13010-1 TREASURE HUNTER (C/D) (Mrs A. Robson) J. Fitzgerald 6-8-0 R. Lines (5)
311 (5) /30203- ROSHNOOR (J. Eustis) R. Peacock 7-8-0 C. Rutter (5)
312 (11) 31440-0 STARWIND (J. Lissoughe) P. Felgate 4-7-10 A. Mackay
313 (3) 2450-00 KOKO TAVI (A. Bloo) G. Hills 5-7-10 R. Hills
314 (9) 000-071 MOREANS CHOICE (C. J. Hill) C. J. Hill 8-7-10 W. Carson
315 (7) 111-040 ACCURACY (Mrs B. Swire) G. Balding 4-7-9 R. Fox
316 (16) 21021-1 ALDO KING (F. Salman) P. Cole 4-7-7 T. Quinn
317 (2) 04140-4 TRADE LINE (M. Scott) R. Chesther 4-7-8 J. Lowe
318 (15) 0412-11 MEADOWBROOK (Mrs J. McDougall) I. Balding 4-7-7 E. Johnson
319 (6) 120-002 TRICKSHOT (BF) (D. Hoar) C. Tinkler 6-7-7 L. Charnock
320 (17) 40-0332 RED DUSTER (C. Barker-Lomax) T. Fairhurst 5-7-7 ... A. Proud
321 (12) 000320/ EL CITO (C. Mitchell) N. Mitchell 8-7-7 G. Carter (5)

1984: Contester 4-8-2 G. Baxter 22-1 P. Cundell 19 ran.
Betting forecast: 5 Meadowbrook, 11-2 Aldo King, 13-2 Morgan's Choice, Treasure Hunter, 10 Dominate, Out Of The Gloom, 14 Rikki Tavi, Tom Sharp, Trade Line.
TOP FORM TIPS: Aldo King 8, Meadowbrook 7, Treasure Hunter 6.

BBC-1

3 45—CHESHIRE OAKS; 3-Y-O; FILLIES, Group 3; 1m 4f 65yds; £19,230 (8 runners).

401 (9) 21 CALORSE (E. St. George) P. Kelleway 9-0 Gay Kelleway
402 (3) 104- CONSOLATION (Lord Rothschild) W. Hern 9-0 W. Carson
403 (8) 00-01 HOBE SOUND (Mrs B. Firestone) D. Weld (Ire) 9-0 L. Piggott
406 (4) 1 NATIONAL DRESS (A. Lowell) R. J. Williams 9-0 T. Ives
407 (2) 11140-0 PERLINATION (D. Sebire) J. Bolger (Ire) 9-0 P. Eccleston
409 (7) 1-8 RIVER SPEY (J. Mellon) I. Balding 9-0 Pat Eddery
411 (5) 1202-3 SWIFT AND SURE (Sheikh Mohammed) R. Hills 9-0 R. Hills
412 (1) 00-3 GLAS Y DORLAN (J. Lloyd) J. Winter 8-10 R. Fox
413 (6) 0 HELERETTA (E. Moller) G. Wragg 8-10 S. Cauthen

1984: Malask, 9-0, W. R. Swinburn, 100-30, M. Stoute, 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Swift And Sure, 11-4 Hobe Sound, 5 River Spey, 6 Perlination 8 Consolation.
TOP FORM TIPS: Hobe Sound 9, Swift And Sure 7, Consolation 6.

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4 15—SEFTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES; 3-Y-O FILLIES; 7f 122yds; £3,345 (11 runners).

501 (7) 0 AFRICAN FLIGHT (L. Norris) P. Kelleway 8-11 Gay Kelleway
504 (9) 4422-02 DRAGONESS (Lord Howard de Walden) P. Walwyn 8-11 J. Mercer
506 (6) 0 MISS GALVIN (M. Rosenthal) B. Hanbury 8-11 Pat Eddery
507 (1) 003-000 RAIN IN VENICE (C. Viney) R. J. Williams 8-11 T. Ives
508 (3) 0- SEA EL SHEL (R. Hoddy) B. McMahon 8-11 A. Mackay
509 (8) 0030-20 SILENT GARR (A. Norman-Thorpe) W. Guest 8-11 B. Rowland
510 (10) 20-0 SILKO (Sir M. Sobell) W. Hern 8-11 W. Carson
511 (4) 3-0 SOPRANO (The Queen) I. Balding 8-11 S. Cauthen
512 (5) 00-4 TIMID BRIDE (A. Clore) B. Hills 8-11 B. Thomson
514 (2) 40-2 UP SYE GOES (J. Rowley) Lady Herries 8-11 L. Piggott
515 (11) 334000-0 VIA VITAE (Mrs A. Mutch) R. Hollinshead 8-11 S. Perks

1984: Llinos 8-11 G. Baxter 20-1 J. Winter 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Silko, 5-2 Soprano, 11-2 Dragoness, 8 Miss Galvin, 12 African Flight, Timid Bride.
TOP FORM TIPS: Silko 8, Dragoness 7, Soprano 6.

4 45—ROODEYE STAKES; 3-Y-O 10s; 7f 122yds; £3,180 (6 runners).

601 (1) 22212-3 DANIYAR (H. H. Aga Khan) M. Stoute 9-3 L. Piggott
603 (6) 0-11 ARCTIC GUARD (F. Salman) P. Cole 8-12 T. Quinn
605 (5) 32100-0 INDIANA PENCIL (F. Sasse) D. Sasse 8-12 Pat Eddery
606 (4) 14030-0 SANDY REEF (A. Shuttleworth) J. Berry 8-12 S. Perks
608 (3) 0330-40 ARTIST RIFLE (B. Munro-Wilson) R. Simpson 8-9 ... S. Cauthen
610 (2) 0- FIELD HAND (R. Sangster) B. Hills 8-9 B. Thomson

1984: Bold Indian 9-3 Pat Eddery 9-2 G. Wragg 4 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-4 Daniyar, 5-2 Field Hand, 100-30 Arctic Guard, 12 Artist Rifle, 16 Indiana Pencil.
TOP FORM TIPS: Daniyar 10, Arctic Guard 8.

CHELTENHAM

5 15 Campello Bay | 7 00 City Boy
5 50 Yellow Jersey | 7 35 Jack Of All Trades
6 25 Sidbury Hill | 8 10 Cheekio Ora

★ DENOTES BLINKERS GOING: Firm

5 15—BRAMLEY NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE: Amateur Riders; 2½m; £1,463 (17 runners).

00-2 ARDCAN 9-12-0 D. Bell (7)
33-3 CAMPELLO BOY 10-12-0 R. Greenway (4)
040/ CROSS COUNT 7-12-0
3-R DARLINGATE 9-12-0 T. Jackson (7)
004- DONDOLINO 7-12-0 R. Cooper (7)
0-24 MASTER BEAU 10-12-0 Miss G. Armytage (7)
MILLERSTONE NICK 9-12-0 T. Rooney (7)
00 RUSHBEDS 6-12-0 N. Pryke (7)
00-P SASPRING 10-12-0 J. Greenall (7)
PPO/ SEVERN COURT 6-12-0 G. Bamber (7)
PPO/ SPARTAN GLORY 8-12-0 S. Shinton (7)
003/ TARQOSAN VIEW 13-12-0 Fogarty (7)
TEALBY LAD 10-12-0 J. Wrathall (7)
2/RF APPLE CRUMBLE 10-11-9 Miss E. Upstone (7)
LASSES NIGHTSHADE 10-11-9 Mrs J. Dunn (7)
MS LARGESSE 9-11-9 T. Jones (7)
0/00 TY-PREN 9-11-9 R. Bellamy (7)

Betting forecast: 11-4 Master Beau, 4 Ty-Pren, 9-2 Campello Boy, 6 Rushbeds, Apple Crumble, 9 Lasses Nightshade, 12 Ms Largesse.

6 30—RIGTON NOVICES CHASE: 3m 100yds; £1,555 (5 runners).

1F1 MISTY SPIRIT 6-12-1 A. Stringer
000 CRICKET WOOD 7-12-1 S. O'Neill
PP JOHNNY ROY 9-11-1 G. Martin (7)
P30 MEND IT 7-11-1 P. Tuck
004 MIGHTY RUN 7-11-1 Mr P. J. Dun
Betting forecast: 4-7 Misty Spirit, 4 Mend It, 5 Mighty Run, 6 Cricket Wood.

7 0—HEADINGLEY HANDICAP CHASE: 2m 4f 70dyds; £2,039 (4 runners).

1-44 NO BOMBS (C/D) 10-11-10 J. J. O'Neill
2-BP KING SPRUCE 11-11-7 S. Carter
042 GEARYS COLD ROLLED 8-10-0 C. Grant
343 JIMMY CHIPS 8-10-0 B. Storey
Betting forecast: 4-6 No Bombs, 4 Gearys Cold Rolled, 5 King Spruce, 11-2 Jimmy Chips.

7 30—HUNSINGORE NOVICES HURDLE: 2m; £548 (17 runners).

000-MILORE (D) 7-11-7 M. Brennall
221 STAR BURST 6-11-7 C. Cowley (7)
035 DEED LOVE 7-11-2 doubtful
000 NO CERTIFICATE 6-11-0 G. Martin (7)
004 PRICEOFLOVE 5-11-0 Mr G. Harker (4)
40P RORYSOL 6-11-0 S. Johnson
P0 SHOW NO MERCY 6-11-0 D. Dutton
40-5 TOP'O'TH'LANE 8-11-0 P. A. Charlton
000 HOPEFUL DAUGHTER 6-10-9 C. Plaskett
KAYE-WOOD 5-10-9 C. Nash
PU SIRANDCO 7-10-9 A. Stringer
Betting forecast: 10-11 Star Burst, 11-4 The O'th'Lane, 9-2 Priceoflove, 10 Show No Mercy 14 Milore.

8 0 — CHURCH FENTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE: 2m 50yds; £2,015 (5 runners).

102 KEWINSFORT (BF) 7-12-0 J. Duggan
B20 SILENT ECHO 10-11-12 M. Jones
200 BIRSBY 11-10-10 P. S. Farrell
P0P VALE CHALLENGE 11-10-5 T. Wadley
342 FURY BOY 12-10-3 M. Pitman
-P0K CORKER 6-10-2 A. Merrigan
5-45 TAKAPA 6-10-0 G. Charles-Jones
P00 DEE PARK 10-10-0
Betting forecast: 5-2 Kewinsfort, 3 Fury Boy, 7-2 Birsby, 5 Corker, 6 Silent Echo, 12 Takapa.

8 30—SHERBURN HANDICAP HURDLE: 2m; £1,756 (10 runners).

300 ABU TORKEY ★ (D) 8-11-7 D. Dutton
040 CRACKHILL ★ (C/D) 6-10-13 D. Thompson (7)
304 TURI (C/D) 6-10-9 P. A. Farrell (7)
000- BATTLEFIELD BAND 8-10-6 Mr J. Quinn (7)
130 THARALENS 5-10-3 C. Grant
-040 ROYAL RADAR 9-10-0 G. Cundell (7)
000 SEABRIGHT SMILE (C/D) 7-10-0 doubtful
002 TOMMY GUNNER (D) 5-10-0 M. Pepper
10P/ CRUCKLING LAD (D) 10-10-0 P. Blackburn (4)
003 CHI MAI ★ 5-10-0 S. O'Neill
Betting forecast: 9 Rivers Edge, 7-2 Crackhill, 9-2 Abu Torkey, 5 Turi, 6 Thornless, 10 Tommy Gunner, 12 Battlefield Band.

WETHERBY

6 00 Half Acious | 7 30 Star Burst
6 30 Misty Spirit | 8 00 Fury Boy
7 00 No Bombs | 8 30 Turi

★ DENOTES BLINKERS GOING: Firm

6 0—SCHOLES NOVICES HURDLE: 4-Y-O; 2m; £548 (15 runners).

000 DIENAU'S TROVE (D) 11-0 R. Earnshaw
123 HALF ASLEEP (D) 10-9 P. A. Charlton
000 AROUND TOWN 10-7 C. Grant
ASPRO MISTRO ★ 10-7 D. Dutton
000 COURT PRINCE 10-7 K. O'Leary
324 DOWNTOWN HUSTLER 10-7 J. J. O'Neill
02 JEFFREY GRAHAM 10-7 K. Teelan (4)
MAJOR'S REQUEST 10-7 C. Pimlott
0 OLD NICK 10-7 K. Jones
O'SMITH 10-7 P. Tuck
0 RECORD TROUT 10-7 Mrs D. Klaszella
030 RIVER LUNE 10-7 A. Brown
TARTAR TUDOR 10-7 S. Johnson
334 WISE CRACKER 10-7 D. Crakley (4)
CASS AVON 10-2 C. Mann

Betting forecasts: 3 Half Asleep, 4 Major's Request, 5 Downtown Hustler, Wise Cracker, 6 Old Nick, 7 Dienau's Trove.

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Betting forecast: 9 Rivers Edge, 7-2 Crackhill, 9-2 Abu Torkey, 5 Turi, 6 Thornless, 10 Tommy Gunner, 12 Battlefield Band.

7 0—ADDI QUATRO HUNTERS CHASE: Amateur riders; 3½m; £2,848 (4 runners).

111 CITY BOY 10-12-0 T. Thomson Jones
2-7F HILLINGDON BOY 11-11-11 N. Arthers
21F- NOSTRADAMUS (C) 12-11-11 I. Biddle
000 LONESOME PARK ★ 9-11-8 Miss L. Wallace
Betting forecast: 4-6 City Boy, 7-2 Nostradamus, 9-2 Hillingdon Boy.

7 35 — CHARLES TURNER CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER CHASE: Amateur riders; 2½m; £1,494 (4 runners).

PPP CORKED (D) (BF) 6-12-0 S. Cowell (7)
222 JACK OF ALL TRADES (BF) 9-12-0 A. Hill (7)
14-P MATT MURPHY 6-12-0 P. Greenall
33-F RELIABLE ROBERT ★ 11-12-0 S. Andrews (7)
Betting forecast: 4-5 Jack Of All Trades, 5-2 Corked, 4 Matt Murphy.

8 10—OVERBURY HUNTERS CHASE: 2m; £1,219 (11 runners).

114 CHEEKIO ORA (C/D) 12-12-7 P. Greenall
133 FREDDIE BEE 8-12-7 T. Greatrex (7)
2P0 MR MELLORS (C) 12-12-7 S. Cowell (7)
P0I MODUS OPERANDI 8-12-4 Miss G. Armytage (7)
0-P0 RATTALION 7-12-0 T. Jones (7)
P/0- BELVOIR VALE 7-12-0 L. Llewellyn (7)
PP-P GUY'S FOLLY 10-12-0 N. Smith (7)
MARINE JAMIE 10-12-0 R. Mann (4)
0P MERRY 8-12-0 L. Fogarty (7)
P0P- TEMPLE LAD 8-12-0 R. Gemlo (7)
3-P3 VINCCI 8-12-0 M. Price (7)
Betting forecast: 15-8 Cheekio Ora, 9-4 Freddie Bee, 9-2 Mr Mellors, Modus Operandi, 8 Vinci.

SALISBURY

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best up to 1m, low numbers favoured soft ground.
★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Firm.

2 0—WILTSHIRE HANDICAP; 1m; £2,889 (15 runners).

1 (12) 1/00- STINGING NETTLE D. Elsworth 4-9-10 B. Rouse
2 (2) 41000-0 VICERO

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 55 Play School. 10 15 Breakfast Time from Westminster Abbey. 11 15 The Service in Westminster Abbey commemorating the ending of the Second World War. 12 35 pm Images of War: Bridge at Arnhem. 12 55 Regional News. 1 0 News after Noon, including coverage of President Reagan's address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. 2 0 Racing from Chester: Cup Day. 3 53 Regional News (except London). 3 55 Lay on Five. 4 10 The Wombles. 4 15 The Biskitts. 4 35 Take Two. 5 0 John Craven's Newsround. 5 5 Duncan Dares. 5 35 Gloria.

6 0 **NEWS**; Weather News.

6 35 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINE.**

7 0 **WOGAN.** With ex-Miss Great Britain, Debbie Greenwood.

7 40 **HILARY.** Marti Caine leads the repeat of the contrived sitcom as daffy TV researcher Hilary, now causing a storm in a teacup when she does a friend a favour.

8 10 **DALLAS:** Shattered Dreams. Things ain't looking too cheerful at Southfork, what with Jenna's trial looming, J.R. learning that even Ewing loot can't buy what he wants, and poor Lucy learning that there's a sleeping partner in her business venture. And worse is to follow . . . (hint: a familiar flightpath). Ceefax sub-titles.



Larry Hagman

9 0 **NEWS**; Weather News.

9 25 **THE DAY WE WON THE WAR.** "We had survived, and our values had survived — just." Thus Lord Scarman, at war's end a young wing commander acting as minder to the surrendering German generals, adding his memories to this commemoration of VE Day. Narrated by Frank Gillard, it blends archive film with the stories of Britons from all walks of life who shared in the intense emotion of that day: those who shared in the euphoria of celebration; the POWs who had special cause for joy; the soldiers in Europe uncovering the horror of the concentration camps; the troops in the Far East whose war was not over; the war widows who could not feel part of the rejoicing.

10 45 **SPORTSNIGHT.** Soccer dominates tonight's bill, with a report on riding-high Everton and their triumphant recovery from the crisis of 18 months ago, plus highlights of the UEFA Cup Final first leg match. A report, too, on Ian Botham, as the controversial cricketer turns out after his winter lay-off to lead his Somerset side against the Aussie visitors. 11 50 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Gloria.

Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. 7 40-8 10 Election Forum.

BBC-2

6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 10 Gharbar. 9 38 Daytime on 2: Science Workshop; 10 0 You and Me; 10 15 Maths at Work; 10 40 Mindstretchers, Problems; 10 45 Pages from Ceefax. 11 0 Words and Pictures; 11 17 A-level Statistics; 11 39 A-level History. 12 5 pm Realidades de Espana. 12 30 Pages from Ceefax. 1 20 Mr Benn. 1 30 One World. 2 0 Watch. 2 18 Subtitle Slot. 2 40 Zig Zag. Ceefax subtitles. 3 0 Pages from Ceefax.

5 30 **NEWS** with sub-titles; weather.

5 35 **ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS.** Another re-run exploration of stately home and splendid contents, this time at Chatsworth.

6 0 **TALL MAN RIDING.** Randolph Scott takes the saddle role as honest rancher fighting land grabbers and crooked gambler, and ending up with Dorothy Malone, in run-of-the-range Western made in 1955.

7 20 **100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS:** Nadia Comaneci. Was the Romanian gymnast's performance at the 1976 Montreal Olympics — enough to win her maximum marks seven times — the greatest of all time?

7 35 **EBONY.** Another edition of the black community's magazine, with James Baldwin talking about black involvement in US politics, and an interview with the latest young dance talent to emerge from Harehills, the Leeds middle school noted for its contribution to modern dance.

8 5 **TIMEWATCH: THE BATTLE FOR BERLIN.** In 1945 Charles Wheeler was one of the first Allied officers to enter the German city in the wake of its capture by the Russians in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Tonight he presents this special report using eye-witness accounts to explain how it came about that the task of taking the city was allotted to the Russian Army, why the Berliners resisted so fiercely, and why the Soviet victory was to have such an important effect on post-war East-West relations.

9 0 **BLEAK HOUSE.** Diana Rigg, Denholm Elliott lead the continuing Dickens dramatisation, with Krook (Bernard Hepton) falling victim to spontaneous combustion, and young Jo the crossing sweeper finding friends in his hour of need. Ceefax sub-titles.

9 55 **STEPHANE GRAPPELLI.** First of two programmes featuring the great jazzman in performance at Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre.

10 30 **NEWSNIGHT.** 11 15 Weatherview. 11 20 Interval. 11 30 Open University. 12 25 Close.

Scotland: 3 0 pm Pages from Ceefax. 3 30 Conference 85: The Conservatives in Perth. 5 15-5 30 Pages from Ceefax.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain — VE Day street party. 9 25 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 9 35 Our Backyard. 9 50 How We Used To Live. 10 30 Victory Remembered — 40th anniversary celebrations of VE Day from around the world. 1 0 pm News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 25 Victory Remembered. Including Pres. Reagan's address to Europe from Strasbourg. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 Gems. 4 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 4 15 Crystal Tipps and Alistair. 4 20 Fraggle Rock. 4 50 Razzmatazz. 5 15 Connections.

5 45 **NEWS**; weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS.**

6 25 **HELP!** with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **VICTORY REMEMBERED.** Highlights of this morning and afternoon's VE Day special from ITN, with updated coverage of anniversary events round the world.

7 30 **CORONATION STREET.** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **THIS IS YOUR LIFE.** Eamonn Andrews opens the big red book for an extended and almost certainly topical edition, last of the series.

9 0 **WIDOWS.** Final episode of Thames's glossy thriller, with tension mounting at Amanda's as separate preparations proceed for the charity show, the audacious raid, and the women's plan to get Harry off their backs for good. With Fiona Hendley, Ann Mitchell, and Debby Bishop as the sisters in crime, Maurice O'Connell as crafty Harry. Oracle sub-titles.



Ann Mitchell and Debby Bishop

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN**; weather.

10 40 **THAT LUCKY TOUCH.** Roger Moore acting with his eyebrows as playboy cum arms dealer in caper movie directed by Christopher Mills, with Susannah York, Shelley Winters.

12 25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Katharine Whitehorn. Closedown.

Channel 4

2 15 pm Their Lordships' House. 2 30 Film: Riding High. 1950 comedy with Bing Crosby, Coleen Gray, Charles Bickford. 4 30 Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 5 30 Farming on Four.

6 0 **EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT?** Sailing. Penultimate programme of the series, with ideas for sailing on a shoestring.

6 30 **THE HERITAGE GAME.** John Julius Norwich chairs the second round of the antiques quiz.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment by a Tory MP. Weather.

8 0 **HOW WARS END:** The Second World War. Professor A. J. P. Taylor makes his individual and scholarly contribution to the week-long study of the conclusion of WW2 in Europe, explaining in passing why the Eastern block countries celebrate VE Day 24 hours later than us.

8 30 **DIVERSE REPORTS.** Voices from Volgograd. A different perspective on the week's theme comes from the people of one of the Soviet Union's "hero cities" — Stalingrad at the time of the war's end — as they and the rest of the Soviet Union prepare to commemorate their 20 million war dead.

9 0 **DANCE ON FOUR: THE MERCE CUNNINGHAM TRAVELOGUE.** To coincide with the Cunningham company's visit to Sadler's Wells this month, the dance season concludes with a repeat showing of Geoff Dunlop's 1980 documentary for the South Bank Show.

10 0 **LOU GRANT.** More tribulations for the Trib's city editor.

11 0 **BOOK FOUR.** Making her first appearance on British TV, black writer Alice Walker talks to Hermione Lee about her poems, short stories, and award-winning novels.

11 30 **ABOUT ABOUT TIME.** A preview of next week's new C4 series.

11 45 **SCOTLAND YARD:** Fatal Journey. Edgar Lustgarten introduces another old b-and-w detection drama.

12 15 **THEIR LORDSHIPS' HOUSE.** Highlights of today's proceedings, as the Lords continue to debate the Bill to abolish the GLC and metropolitan authorities. 12 30 Close.

S4C: 1 0 pm Isaura the Slave Girl; Fantastico. 2 0 Ffalabalam. 2 15 Their Lordships' House. 2 30 Egwyl. 2 35 Hyn o Fyd. 2 55 Egwyl. 3 10 4 What It's Worth. 3 40 How Wars End. 4 10 The Max Headroom Show. 4 40 Ffalabalam. 4 55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5 30 The Addams Family. 6 0 Brookside. 6 30 Bwyta'n Dda. 6 50 Dafganfod y Byd. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Goreuon Hywel Gwynfryn. 8 0 O Bedwar Ban. 8 35 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9 10 Film: Terrible Joe Moran (1984). With James Cagney. 11 5 Diverse Reports. 11 35 Black on Black. 12 35 Diwedd.

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read in Jersey. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Sarah Kennedy. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 5 Gloria Hunniford including (3-20) Racing from Chester. 3 20 Music All The Way including (3 50) Racing from Chester. 4 5 David Hamilton. 6 5 John Dunn. 8 0 String Sound. 8 30 Syd Lawrence in Concert. 9 10 Listen to the Band. 10 0 The Fosdyke Saga. 10 15 Houghton Weavers. 10 30 Hubert Gregg. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nove. 2 0 Jack Rothstein. 3 30-4 0 Non-Stop Music Stutz.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.

7 0 News; Your Midweek Choice.

9 0 News; This Week's Composer: Dvorak — Transatlantic links. Dumky Trio (Beaux Arts); Overture Othello (LSO/Kertesz).

10 0 Sibelius: Andante festivo (Finnish RO/the composer); Violin Concerto (Ginette Neveu/Philharmonia/Susskind).

10 40 John Ireland. Piano recital by Eric Parkin.

11 25 Strauss and Mozart: Saar RSO/Ferdinand Leitner, Gundula Janowitz (sop). Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel; Mozart: two concert arias; Strauss; Four Last Songs.

12 15 Concert Hall: Nicholas Daniel (Oboe/cor anglais), Julius Drake (piano). Madeleine Dring: Three Dances. Vaughan Williams: Three studies in English folksong; Britten: Temporal Variations; Francis Pott: Zanzara fanfare.

1 0 News; Ben Webster — American tenor saxophonist.

1 30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orch/Richard Howarth. Rutter: Suite for Strings; Pachelbel: Canon in D; Walton: Two pieces for violin and piano; Moszkowski: Prelude and Fugue; Walter Battison Haynes; Idyll; Britten: Simple Symphony.

2 30 Music for Double Reeds: New York Chamber Ensemble. anon: Tourdion; Heth sold ein meisken; Marias: Les Folies d'Espagne; Johann Wendt: Quartetto Concertante.

3 5 Schumann's Last Thoughts. Schumann: Violin Concerto (Christiane Edinger/Berlin PO/Reinhard Peters); Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Schumann (Bracha Eden, Alexander Tamir (piano duet).

4 0 Choral Evensong from Winchester Cathedral.

4 55 News; Mainly for Pleasure.

5 30 Choral Voices: Bristol University Singers. Raymond Warren: Salvator Mundi; Hindemith: Six chansons. Stravinsky: Ave Maria; Credo; Bach: Motet — Der Geist hilft.

7 0 International Young Artists. Scarlatti: Piano Sonata in G (Istvan Szekely); Ravel: Piece en forme d'habanera (Vilmos Szabadi, violin, Marta Gulyas, piano); Debussy: Etude (Istvan Szekely); Puccini: Sola, perduta, abbandonata (Zsuzsu Denes, soprano, Jozsef Patko, piano).

7 30 Outpatient. NHS comedy by Rhys Adrian.

8 5 Schumann Lieder: Anne Collins (con); Paul Hamburger (piano).

9 0 St Louis SO/Leonard Slatkin. Bernstein: Choreographic Essay Facsimile; Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto (Issac Stern).

9 50 Six Continents.

10 10 St Louis SO. Dvorak: Symphony No 8.

11 0 Delme String Quartet. Dvorak: Two Waltzes; Beethoven: Quartet Op 59 No 2.

11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.

6 0 News Briefing.

6 10 Farming Today.

6 25 Prayer for the Day.

6 0 Today including 7 0, 8 0, News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.

9 0 News; Midweek: Libby Purves.

10 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time.

10 30 You the Jury: Debate on "Britain Needs Nuclear Energy."

11 15 Service from Westminster Abbey to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the End of the Second World War.

12 30 The Meistersinger. Thriller by Berkely Mather (3).

1 0 The Word at One: News.

1 40 The Archers.

2 0 News; Woman's Hour with guest of the week, barrister Helena Kennedy.

3 0 News; The Way We Were: Personal memories of VE Day by the Queen and others.

4 0 News; File on 4: South Africa — Reform or revolution?

4 40 Story Time: The Past is Myself by Christabel Bielenberg (3).

5 0 PM. News magazine.

6 0 The Six O'Clock News.

6 30 After Henry. Comedy series.

7 0 News; The Archers.

7 20 Checkpoint.

7 45 Groundswell. Environment issues.

8 15 In Business.

8 45 Analysis: Funny Money. Causes and consequences of fluctuations in world currencies.

9 30 The Evening Play: The Joke Shop by Kevin Yorick. Young graduate escapes the dole queue to teach Life and Social Skills. But what does he know about either?

10 15 A Book at Bedtime: Voices in an Empty Room by Francis King (8).

10 30 The World Tonight.

11 15 The Financial World Tonight.

11 30 Today in Parliament.

12 0 News; Weather; interval.

12 33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 11 0-12 0 Schools. 1 30 pm President Reagan's address to the European Parliament. 1 55 Listening Corner. 2 55-3 0 Schools. 11 0 Study on 4. 11 30-12 10 am Open University. 12 30-1 10 Schools Night-time Broadcasting.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 5 25 Dalont Roberts. 5 33 AM. 10 3 Mike Flynn. 12 30 That's How It Is. 12 50 pm Meet For Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 The Russell Grant Show. 3 30 Get Gardening. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 7 45 Six Plays on Wales. 9 0 On Show. 9 30-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Ar Gof A Chadw. 10 2 Galw Alun. 11 0 Newyddion Dr. 11 10 Yscolion. 11 30 Stondin Ddyddiol. 12 15 pm Taiwn y Beirdd. 12 45 Ar Awel. 1 20 Hwyl er y Mwyaf. 1 50 O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Yscolion. 3 25 Intermezzo. 3 47 Gweler Radio 4. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Wales. 9 30 Gweler Radio 4. 10 15 Newyddion Ar Fyd y Nos. 11 30-1 10 am Gweler Radio 4 VHF.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 2 pm Between Ourselves. 12 30 Lunchtime Report News. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Iain Anderson: Tide and Island. 2 15 Talking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Art Sutter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News. 6 15 Farming News. 6 30 Along the Highland Edge. 7 2 The Lovat Collection. 7 30 The Light Programme. 8 0 Cargill Collection. 10 0 News; Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close. As Radio 4.

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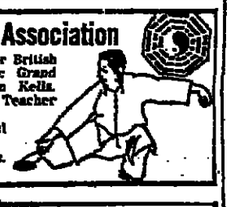
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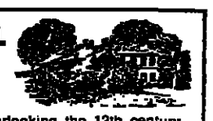
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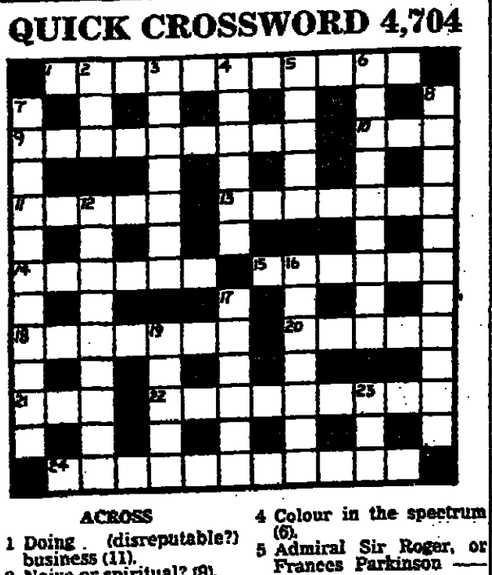
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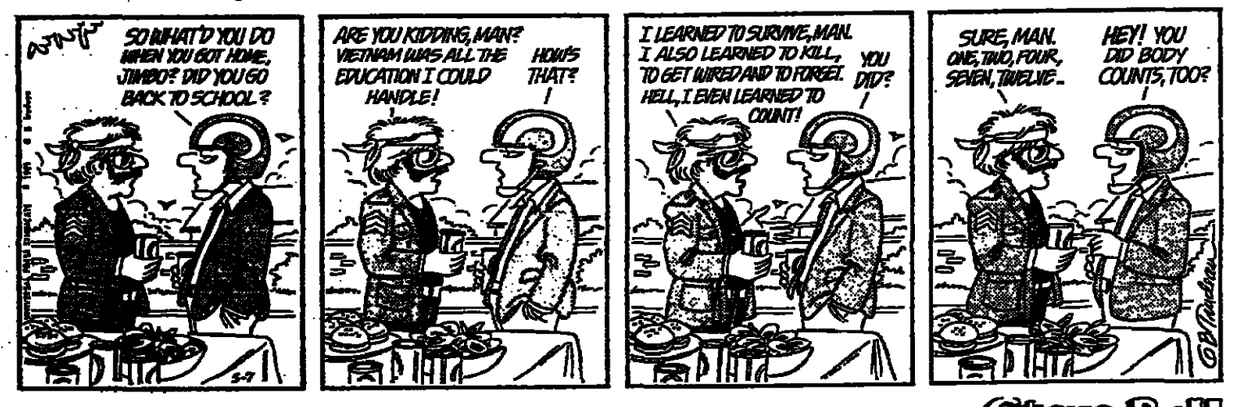
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1 Doing . . (disreputable?) business (11).
9 Naive or spiritual? (9).
10 Also or excessively (3).
11 Poor (5).
13 Young bird (7).
14 Type of hut (6).
15 Small (6).
18 Small hard cake? (4, 3).
20 Loses colour (5).
21 Eggs (3).
22 Better position — after deuce! (9).
24 Fit to be seen (11).

DOWN
2 Line — quarrel! (3).
3 Saga family (7).
4 Colour in the spectrum (6).
5 Admiral Sir Roger, or Frances Parkinson — (5).
6 Having the brains of a louse (9).
7 Throwing off all restraint (7, 4).
8 Members of the House of Representatives (11).
12 Comfortable seat (professorship no problem!) (4, 5).
16 Title of Spanish princess (7).
17 Irregular (odd!) (6).
19 Alloy — money (5).
23 Everything (3).

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Thatcher dooms Powell bill on embryos

By Alan Travis

The Prime Minister yesterday effectively ruled out the chance of Mr Enoch Powell's bill to ban research on human embryos reaching the statute book.

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons that the Government did not give time for private members' bills and so turned down Mr Powell's plea last Friday for the Government to give the bill a fair win.

Opponents succeeded in having the bill "talked out" during its report stage which was adjourned last Friday amidst uproar in the Commons.

During Prime Minister's Question Time, Mr Ben Dover, Conservative MP for Chorley, asked Mrs Thatcher if the Government would give time for the bill, given the support it had received in the House. On its second reading, the bill won a majority of 172 in February.

Mrs Thatcher, who privately opposes the bill, said that it aroused strong feelings in the Commons. "I also feel strongly about it. This Government does not give government time for private members' bills and I cannot offer him any great comfort."

The Speaker's chair was repaired over the weekend after an oak ledge fell off when it was thumped by Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarfon, on Friday.

He had been protesting with others at the deputy speaker's decision to end the debate even though speakers with amendments to the bill had not been called.

Mr Powell may attempt to table his bill again next Friday in an effort to complete its report stage.

He would come second in the order of business behind the bill to outlaw kerb crawling, but would face the same five hour filibuster that opponents put up last Friday.

Mr Wigley yesterday publicly apologised on the floor of the House for accidentally damaging the Speaker's chair.

He said it happened during some heated exchanges when he was in the process of making some representations to the deputy speaker.

"I shall be more careful with the furniture of the House in future," he added.

Longhouse gets longer future

The future of the finest remaining longhouse on Dartmoor has been secured after months of uncertainty. The longhouse, at Higher Shilstone, near Throwleigh, has been sold by Mrs Rita Webber to a neighbour.

Suggestions for saving the house had been put forward by conservation groups after Mrs Webber had said she could not afford to keep it. The house is the only one of its kind listed as a grade one building and is still divided into living areas for humans and animals.

Health authorities told to investigate before inquiry into Legionnaire outbreak

Clarke orders hospital cooling tower check

By David Hencke and James Lewis

General managers of health authorities are to be instructed to check all hospital cooling towers in advance of the establishment of an independent inquiry into the outbreak of Legionnaire's disease which has killed 30 people in Stafford, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the health minister, told the Commons yesterday.

Instructions are being sent to the 192 authorities reiterating advice given after the last outbreak of the disease in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, Mr Clarke told MPs the instructions are expected to be revised after the inquiry.

Mr Clarke gave assurances to Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's health spokesman, and Mr Bill Cash, Conservative MP for Stafford, that there will be an inquiry independent of both the Mid-Staffordshire district and West Midlands regional health authorities.

He told them that the only reason for not announcing the details yesterday was that he still had to receive final reports on the situation.

Preliminary findings provided "compelling evidence that it was very probable that the cooling towers in the hospital were the source of the outbreak," but he was waiting for a final report from a virologist at the government's infectious disease agency, the Public Health Laboratory Service, which had helped local officials investigate the outbreak.

He said that steps already taken in Stafford included heating the water in the cooling towers to kill the bacteria and the heavy chlorinating of the water.

Mr Dobson raised a series of questions about the health authority's knowledge of the outbreak, but Mr Clarke said these would have to be answered by the inquiry.

Mr Clarke added that the findings should be of interest to owners of modern buildings which have air conditioning, including hotels and office blocks.

Half the out-patients due to be seen at Stafford district general hospital failed to turn up for their appointments yesterday.

Although officials say that the hospital is safe, and believe that the worst of the Legionnaire's epidemic is over, patients are evidently not convinced. Extra staff were brought in to man telephones because of a deluge of calls from patients who were nervous about reporting to the hospital.

GPs waiting rooms have been crowded with people who have visited the hospital in the past two weeks, and who have followed the instruction to seek medical advice if they experience influenza-like symptoms which they might otherwise have treated themselves.

Some 10,000 people — visitors and patients — might have been exposed to the disease between April 22 and May 3. The mid-Staffs health authority made special arrangements with the Post Office to send letters to nearly 2,000 of them on Monday, telling them to see their doctors if they felt unwell.

The manager of the health authority, Mr James Bartlett, said it would be wrong to deal with detailed matters which would have to be examined at the formal inquiry.

The water in the cooling towers had been treated with biocide, as laid down in Government guidelines, though the supplier of the biocide used had been changed last year, when new tenders were sought.

The managing director of the chemical company which now treats the general hospital's water supplies said yesterday: "We are not to blame for the outbreak."

Fospur Ltd, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, won the contract to treat the water supplies at the newly-built, £26 million hospital last year, and Mr Lewis Marples, the firm's managing director, said yesterday that until results are available there is no way of determining whether the virus was present in the cooling systems.

3,000 pit jobs to be lost in north-east

By Peter Hetherington, Northern Labour Correspondent

Two more pits in the north-east are to be run down in preparation for their closure, the National Coal Board announced last night.

After a meeting with unions at an area consultative committee, it said that 3,000 jobs would go in the region's coalfield at Bates colliery, Blyth, and Horden colliery, near Easington, in Durham. In addition workshops at Whitburn, near Sunderland, would close.

The two pits, employing 1,400 and 1,200 respectively, have been high on the board's closure list for some time. The NCB apparently wants to close them within nine months, and has labelled them "manpower reservoir collieries," where workers will await transfer to other pits if insufficient come forward for redundancy.

But the board claims that 6,500 in the North-east — its largest individual coalfield — have inquired about redundancy since the end of the pit strike. A further 1,000 left the industry during the stoppage and the work force in the region will soon be down to around 20,000.

Yesterday's announcement came three days after the board's personnel director, Mr Michael Eaton, said the NCB had achieved its pre-strike targets of cutting 20,000 jobs nationally and reducing annual output by four million tonnes.

Three other pits in the north-east — Sacriston, Brenkley, and Herrington, are expected to close within the next year or so.

A board spokesman said last night that at a meeting of the consultative committee the area director, Mr David Archibald, presented the NCB's long-term plans for the future of the North-east coalfield, which incorporates Northumberland and Durham. Further discussions would take place at colliery level to keep the men fully informed.

Mr Ervin Lyons, lodge secretary at Horden, said yesterday's news was a shock because two new coal faces had been opened since the strike ended. "We have never been working better here," he added.

Keith Harper writes: Some progress towards agreeing a new colliery review procedure was made last night after talks between the NCB and union leaders.

The claim was made by Mr Ken Sampey, president of the pit supervisors union Nacods, who also made it clear that a ballot on an overtime ban in the industry would still go ahead on Friday.

Other coal union leaders were not so optimistic as Mr Sampey. Although further meetings are to be held between the board and the unions, the view among the NUM leadership is that the NCB will stall for as long as it can before agreeing to a new procedure.

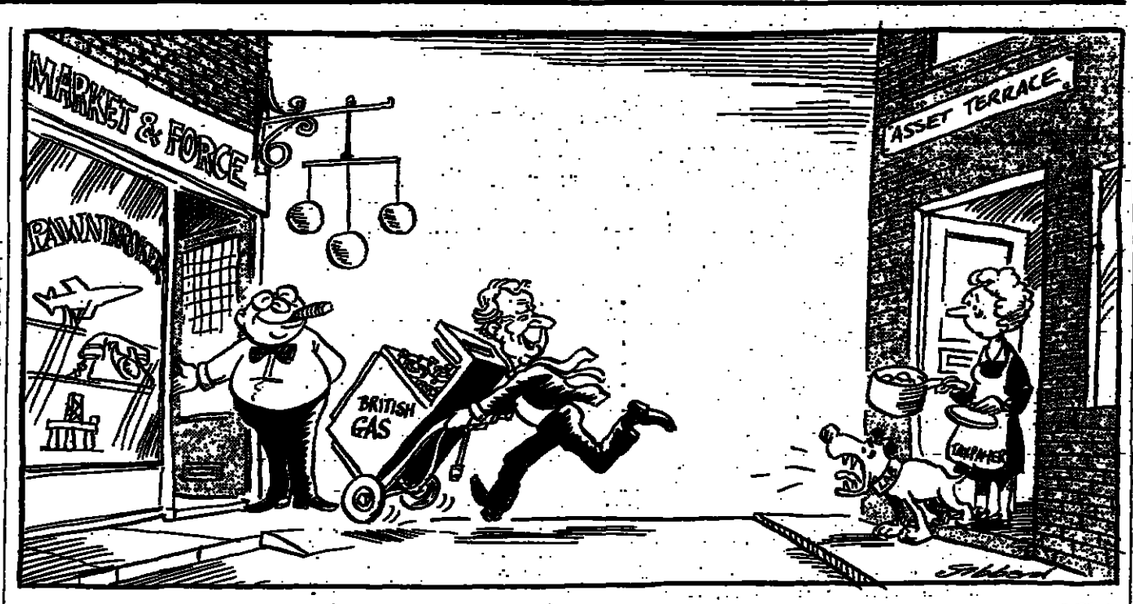
Mr Merrick Spanton, the NCB's board member for personnel, has told the unions that a review of the pits made necessary by the coal dispute will not be completed until June 30, and this made it difficult for the NCB to operate even its existing procedure.

The NUM team insists that up to 20 pits could be closed by the NCB's refusal to allow the consultation process to operate in the immediate period ahead.

● Striking Yorkshire miners began to return to work last night after the NUM backed down from a confrontation with the coal board over the sacking of four men for alleged intimidation.

Normal working was reported at Houghton Main colliery, and the full turnout was expected at the other pits affected — Dodworth, Royston, Ferrymoor, Riddings, and Shafton workshops.

A coal board spokesman said: "We understand the Yorkshire area have recommended a return-to-work and things should be back to normal tonight."



"Oh boy, are we going to live it up! Nigel's Bistro is putting on a cut-price menu and this ought to cover the bill!"

Fabian plea for plastic bullets ban

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor

Labour's national executive committee is urged today by a Fabian Society working group, which includes the party's general secretary-elect, to seek a ban on the use of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland, end the supergrass trials, and repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

These were the main recommendations put to the NEC by the group after visits to both Belfast and Dublin. The working party included Mr Larry Whitty, who is to take over from Mr James Mortimer as general secretary of the party later this year.

The report urges Labour to give top priority to solving the Northern Ireland problem. Among its specific proposals is a recommendation for the abolition of the Ulster Defence Regiment, many of whose members have been the victims of terrorist assassinations in recent years.

The report declares that the formation of the UDR as an attempt to create a non-sectarian force after the disbandment of the B Specials was a failure.

"The UDR is now seen as the replacement of the B Specials. The responsibility for policing Northern Ireland should remain with the RUC, assisted by the British Army."

Walker rushes £5bn sale of British Gas

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even though he was due to retire next year.

His reluctant support for privatisation could not have been secured by Mr Walker if the Government had decided to break up his corporation.

Sir Denis has also been told that British Gas will regain its freedom to explore for and produce oil. The Government stripped British Gas without compensation of its £400 million worth of North Sea oil interests only last year to create Enterprise Oil and the corporation was also forced to hand over its half share in the Wytch Farm discovery in Dorset.

The right to explore for oil should help boost British Gas's price tag in the City. But several questions remain about how profitable British Gas will be in private hands. Last year it earned profits of just over £1 billion.

A regulatory agency (like Oftel which covers British Telecom) will be established to approve gas tariffs. Ministers also admit that they will have to outline precisely to the City just how much of the profits they intend to take in tax after privatisation.

The gas levy, which now contributes over £500 million a year to Government revenues, may be phased out although ministers are considering a system similar to the petroleum revenue tax paid by the oil companies.

The agency will guarantee that British Gas will continue to fulfil its statutory obligation to provide a safe supply of gas to any customer within the present radius of existing gas mains.

British Gas's obligation to deal with emergencies will not change and the new company will not be allowed to alter the uniform tariff structure which prevents discriminatory pricing to hard-to-reach customers.

Ministers believe it may be possible to introduce the privatisation legislation this autumn with passage by the spring of 1986 even allowing for fierce opposition from Labour.

The Government intends to retain a "golden share" to prevent an unwanted takeover. Gas consumers, employees of the corporation and other small investors will, as in the British Telecom sale be put on a special footing during the flotation.

Although plans have not reached an advanced stage, the Government has begun to dwell on the idea of privatising the electricity supply industry. Apparently, no ideological or technical problems can be seen in disposing of either the Central Electricity Generating Board or the local area boards.

City sources suggested last night the British Gas sale could give the Chancellor scope for big tax cuts in 1987 — just before a general election.

Stay in NATO— Reagan

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in a Soviet and totalitarian degree."

Mr Gonzalez said after the talks: "My country will go on maintaining friendly and cordial relations with the United States despite differences in appreciation."

It was announced in Madrid yesterday that the Nicaraguan President, Mr Daniel Ortega, will arrive at the weekend en route from Eastern Europe.

He will hold talks with Mr Gonzalez before continuing his journey to Managua. There was speculation here that the Prime Minister would act as an intermediary between the United States and Nicaragua to bring the two governments closer together.

However, neither Spanish nor US officials would confirm the suggestion. Mr Schultz said: "No question has arisen. The President has described our views on the matter. We sent no secret message."

The Spanish desire to reduce US military personnel in Spain was a topic for discussion between the two leaders. Mr Schultz confirmed that they had agreed to continue negotiations through diplomatic channels.

"We will have to review our needs, the Spanish needs, and the strategic situation at the time," he said.

First union backs political fund

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

The print union Sogat '82 said yesterday that its members had voted three to one to retain its political fund. It is the first union to ballot on the issue.

Members voting in a mixture of ballots by post and at work backed retaining the fund by 91,760 to 25,947, a majority of 65,813. There was a 56.8 per cent turnout of the 208,686 members eligible to vote and 856 papers were returned either spoilt or blank.

Mr Bill Keys, the union's recently-retired general secretary and chairman of the trade union political fund co-ordinating committee said: "The result is a blow to the Conservative Government who have tried very hard not only to shackle the trade union movement but now want to silence it. The result is a victory for democracy."

Ms Brenda Dean, Sogat's general secretary, said: "It is quite clear that many members resent outside attempts to interfere with their legitimate right to maintain a political fund.

"If this is the way the others go it will have done wonders in awakening political interest."

Sogat was confident that it would win the ballot required under the Trade Union Act 1984.

More than 50 other unions with political funds have until next March to vote. Three, the steel union, the clerical union Apex, and the Post Office engineers start balloting this month. About 80 per cent of Labour Party resources comes from the political funds.

The latest figures show that 72,000, or 47.5 per cent, of the 190,000 members paying the union's general fund subscription contract out of paying the political levy. The proportion paying the levy appears to mirror quite closely that voting in the ballot to keep the fund.

Mr Graham Allen, secretary of trade union co-ordinating committee, said the result was a psychological boost. Sogat had acted as an organisational model for other ballot campaigns.

The committee has been encouraging unions to build up a network of activists to put the arguments to people at work.

The Social Democratic Party, which has set aside £50,000 to campaign for a "no" vote, denounced the result. Mr Michael Hancock, its employment spokesman, said: "Sogat has conned the membership into believing that a political fund has nothing to do with the Labour Party."

Nearly 98 per cent of Sogat's political fund went to Labour, yet none of its literature mentioned the party. Instead, it called more generally for a political fund to ensure a voice in Parliament.

The SDP's ballot complaints unit said that it had received more than 20 complaints from Sogat members claiming they had not been allowed to vote.

Mr Hancock said that almost all the ballot was run by activists with a vested interest in a "yes" vote and that returns had been counted by the union, not the Electoral Reform Society.

Ms Dean said that only the union's returning officers were allowed inside the counting room.

Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, said that the vote did not bind members to pay the political levy. "The union is required by law to notify each member of his or her right to contract out of the political fund and to inform them about how they may take up that option."

Babies stable

The Cambridge sextuplets were still poorly but stable yesterday, despite losing weight in the last few days. The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, said the weight loss was not worrying doctors. Mr John Edwards said: "It is perfectly normal for babies to lose weight after birth. They later put it back on again."

Murder hunt

Essex police are hunting the murderer of Mrs Patricia Bull, 48, of West Street, Coggeshall, near Witham, who was found shot dead in an antiques warehouse owned by her husband near their home on Monday.

Teachers criticised for Land's End accident

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sea, when a wave swept her into the water.

From her bed at West Cornwall Hosital, Penzance, she said: "I managed to cling to a rock and pull myself on to a ledge. Then one of the people in charge of the party pulled me up on to a higher ledge, and gave me a coat."

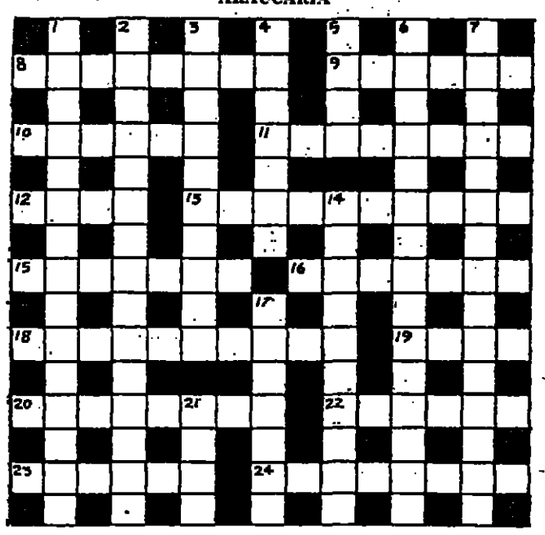
The people of Stoke Poges mourned yesterday as details of the tragedy were broken to children at the school by the deputy headmistress, Mrs Josie Richardson, who had spent the night and most of yesterday with grieving parents.

The 51 children from the school were on a week's adventure holiday, supervised by five adults.

Mr David Smith, chief education officer for the area, said he believed that five adults supervising 51 children was "within what the authorities consider adequate."

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ACROSS

8 Costume (Period) for rider (8).
9 Can't stand going to a hotel (6).
10 Married to football? (6).
11 Threatening short time to a Conservative (8).
12 Have inclination to spare? (4).
13 Doctor's declining intelligence is unvarying (10).
15 Regulation-time . . . (7).
16 . . . opposed to eat around sailors at home (7).
18 European annoyed at having equal arms? (5, 5).
19 Bother, separately if not together? (4).
20 Enthusiast of little weight over Georgian door (3-5).
22 Grade (Lew —— point taken) seems to remain vexatious (6).
23 A fellow is a handsome one (6).
24 Mad about Florence, in Italy, and 4? (8).

DOWN

1 Gone off with a word after vice, entering thousands of pounds in Cumbria (6-4-5).
2 Wood not up to stress, we hear, in Greater Manchester (6-5-4).
3 Very noisy, in terror of my French (10).
4 Any conclusion to seed of nation? (7).
5 Scheme for lopping tree? (4).
6 Angler subsequently first in French XI in Essex (6-2-3-4).
7 Vessel in tree covered with fizzy stuff in South Yorkshire (8-2-5).
14 Store, gruel, possibly, in singular drainpipe? (7-3).
17 Pope goes quietly on row (7).
21 Zest without love could be passion (4).

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THE WEATHER

Some sunny intervals

A DEPRESSION over northeast France will bring a rather cloudy northeasterly airstream into most of England and eastern Scotland, while another frontal system approaches western districts later in the day.

London, Cent S, NW, Cent N England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Lake District, Isle of Man, Glasgow, SW Scotland: Becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind northerly moderate. Max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

SE, E, NE England, East Anglia: Mainly cloudy, rain at times, becoming heavy in places. Wind east or north-east moderate locally fresh. Max 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

SW England, Wales: Sunny intervals at first, becoming cloudy with perhaps some rain later. Wind northerly, moderate. Max 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mainly cloudy with rain at times. Wind east or south-east moderate. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Sunny intervals at first, becoming cloudy with a little rain in places later. Wind variable, light. Max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Outlook: Rather cloudy with showers or outbreaks of rain, some heavy, but some bright periods. Near normal temperatures but rather cold in the east.

SUN RISES 5.20 am
SUN SETS 8.33 pm
MOON RISES 12.45 am
MOON SETS 7.36 am
MOON: Last quarter May 11.

SEA PASSAGES
Southern North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Moderate to rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Slight.
SSE.

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	4.55 am	5.20 pm
Dover	1.59 am	2.25 pm
Liverpool	2.10 am	2.35 pm

AROUND THE WORLD
Lunch-time reports

	C	F		C	F		
Ajaccio	F	14	57				
Algiers	C	17	63	Lucerne	R	11	52
Amsterdam	S	18	64	Luxembourg	C	17	63
Athens	S	22	72	Madrid	C	12	54
Bahrain	S	30	86	Majorca	S	16	61
*Barbados	S	27	81	Malaga	S	19	66
Barcelona	S	20	68	Malta	S	20	68
Belgrade	F	23	73	Manchester	S	17	63
*Bermuda	S	25	77	Melbourne	C	17	63
Berlin	S	22	72	*Mexico C	F	21	70
Biarritz	R	8	46	*Miami	S	28	82
Birmingham	R	16	61	*Montreal	C	15	59
Bombay	S	32	90	Moscow	C	13	55
Bordeaux	C	11	52	Narvik	F	18	64
*Boston	R	8	46	Naples	F	16	61
Bordeaux	S	11	52	Bristol	S	26	79
Brussels	S	15	59	*Newcastle	S	13	55
Budapest	S	22	72	New Delhi	S	39	102
*Buenos A	F	22	72	*New York	C	21	70
Cardiff	S	17	63	Nice	S	21	70
Cairo	S	35	95	Oporto	S	16	61
Cape Town	F	20	68	Oslo	S	16	61
*Chicago	S	21	70	Paris	S	18	64
Cologne	F	22	72	Perth	F	18	64
Copenhagen	S	16	61	Prague	S	18	64
Corfu	F	26	68	Reykjavik	R	5	41
Dublin	C	12	54	Riyadh	C	31	88
Dubrovnik	C	16	61	Rome	S	17	63
Edinburgh	S	13	55	*Rio de J	S	24	75
Faro	S	18	64	Rome	S	17	63
Florence	F	14	57	Stockholm	S	15	59
Frankfurt	F	22	72	Salzburg	C	19	66
Funchal	F	18	64	Strasbourg	F	20	68
Geneva	C	11	52	Sydney	F	20	68
Gibraltar	S	18	61	Tokyo	R	14	57
Glasgow	S	14	57	Tunis	F	29	84
Helsinki	S	14	57	Valencia	F	18	66
Hong Kong	F	29	84	*Vancouver	R	11	52
Innsbruck	C	19	66	Venice	R	12	54
Inverness	S	13	55	Vienna	C	19	66
Istanbul	S	15	59	Wellington	S	17	63
Karachi	S	31	88	Warsaw	F	22	72
Larnaca	S	24	75	*Washington	S	28	82
Las Palmas	F	24	75	Zurich	R	14	57
Lisbon	F	19	66				

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow. *Previous day's readings.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	9.40 pm	to 5.00 am
Birmingham	9.14 pm	to 4.52 am
Bristol	9.13 pm	to 4.59 am
Glasgow	9.36 pm	to 4.48 am
London	9.03 pm	to 4.49 am
Manchester	9.20 pm	to 4.50 am
Newcastle	9.23 pm	to 4.41 am
Nottingham	9.14 pm	to 4.46 am

AROUND BRITAIN
Reports for the 24 hours up to 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs	Rain in.	Max. temp. C	F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND					
London	6.8	—	17	63	Sunny am
Birmingham	12.8	—	19	66	Sunny
Bristol	13.1	—	19	66	Sunny
Norwich	0.6	—	12	54	Cloudy
Blackpool	10.1	—	13	55	Sunny
Manchester	11.5	—	20	68	Sunny
Nottingham	10.7	—	18	64	Sunny
Newcastle	12.4	—	14	57	Sunny
Carlisle	12.2	—	18	64	Sunny
EAST COAST					
Tynemouth	0.4	—	6	43	Fog
Scarborough	10.2	—	13	55	Sunny
Bridlington	2.3	—	9	48	Cloudy
Skegness	0.2	—	10	50	Cloudy
Lowestoft	1.4	—	11	52	Dull
Clacton	1.6	—	15	59	Cloudy
Margate	—	—	11	52	Dull
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	5.3	—	17	63	Bright
Hastings	7.0	—	18	64	Bright pm
Eastbourne	6.7	—	19	66	Bright
Brighton	9.5	—	19	66	Sunny
Worthing	10.3	—	20	68	Sunny
Littlehampton	10.2	—	20	68	Sunny
Bognor Regis	9.3	—	20	68	Sunny
Hayling I	9.9	—	19	66	Sunny
Southsea	9.5	—	19	66	Sunny
Ryde	10.0	—	17	63	Sunny
Sandown	10.1	—	19	66	Sunny
Shanklin	10.0	—	12	54	Sunny
Ventnor	10.0	—	18	64	Sunny
Bournemouth	11.7	—	19	66	Sunny
Poole	11.6	—	20	68	Sunny
Swanage	11.9	—	19	66	Sunny
Weymouth	11 4	—	19	66	Sunny
Exmouth	13.2	—	17	63	Sunny
Teignmouth	13.9	—	17	63	Sunny
Torquay	13.4	—	17	63	Sunny
Falmouth	12.8	—	13	55	Sunny
Penzance	12.7	—	13	55	Sunny
Scilly Isles	13.5	—	12	54	Sunny
Jersey	12.3	—	16	61	Sunny
Guernsey	13.9	—	15	59	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Newquay	11.8	—	15	59	Sunny
Ilfracombe	13.5	.01	13	55	Sunny
Southport	10.6	—	12	54	Sunny
Morecambe	13.2	.05	14	57	Sunny
Douglas	14.2	—	15	59	Sunny
WALES					
Prestatyn	5.6	.04	14	57	Showers pm
Colwyn Bay	12.5	.01	13	55	Sunny
Tenby	11.3	—	13	55	Sunny
Cardiff	12.4	—	18	64	Sunny
Anglesey	12.7	—	12	54	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	8:8	0.3	14	57	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	10.1	—	17	63	Sunny
Prestwick	10.4	—	14	57	Sunny
Glasgow	8.5	.10	17	63	Sunny
Tiree	12.3	—	12	54	Sunny
Stornoway	11.0	—	12	54	Sunny
Lerwick	1.9	.09	10	50	Rain am
Wick	11.1	—	12	54	Sunny
Kinloss	12.0	—	15	59	Sunny
Aberdeen	11.7	—	15	59	Sunny
St Andrews	10.2	—	14	57	Fog am
Edinburgh	8.5	—	16	61	Sunny

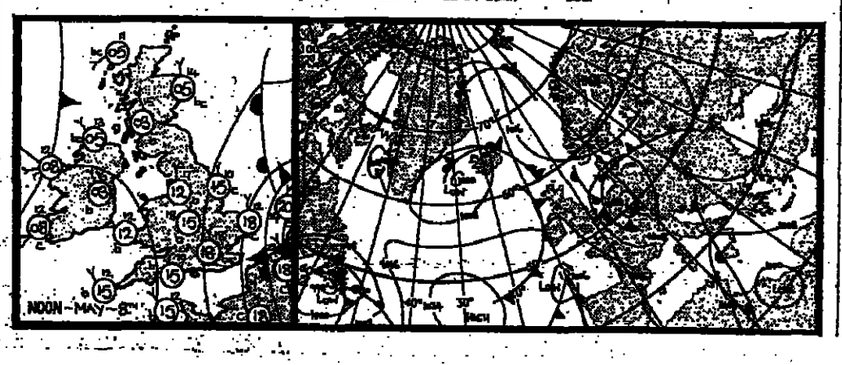
SATELLITE PREDICTIONS
The figures give, in order, time and visibility, when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

LONDON
Ariel 6: 21.43–21.49 WNW 55N E; 23.20–23.22 WNW 35WSW WSW*.
Cosmos 1518: 22.29–22.34 WNW 40NNE E; (May 9) 0.06–0.07 WNW 30W W*.
Cosmos 358: 22.51–22.55 NNW 80NNW SSE*.
Cosmos 1427: 21.42–21.48 NW 50WSW SSE.

Manchester
Ariel 6: 21.43–21.49 WNW 75ENE E; 23.20–23.22 W 35SW SW*.
Cosmos 1518: 22.28–22.34 WNW 60N E; (May 9) 0.05–0.07 WNW 40WSW WSW*.
Cosmos 358: 22.51–22.55 NNW 65SE SSE*.
Cosmos 1427: 21.42–21.47 NW 45SSW

LONDON READINGS
From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 8C (46F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 17C (63F). Total period: sunshine. 6.5hrs; rainfall, nil.

MANCHESTER READINGS
From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp 6C (43F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 20C (68F). Total period: sunshine 11.2hrs; rainfall, nil.



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